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Peter Lougheed: 1928 — 2012

Rest in peace.
Province's 10th premier passes away Thursday in the hospital that bears his name

Peter Lougheed — the man with a bulldog chin and crooked grin who transformed Alberta into a modern petro-powered giant and an equal player in Confederation — has died.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper's office confirmed the 84-year-old former premier's death Thursday.

"On behalf of all Canadians, Laureen and I offer our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Peter Lougheed," Harper said in a statement.

The Calgary-born lawyer and Alberta premier from 1971 to 1985 leaves behind a profound record of achievement and influence on public policy.

He kick-started petroleum diversification by nurturing oilsands development, which now sprawls throughout northern Alberta, has brought the province billions of dollars and made it the economic driver of the country.

He created a multibillion-dollar nest egg Heritage Savings Trust Fund as oil revenue began to pour in and championed medical research.

He helped patriate the Constitution and fought for a not-withstanding clause to ensure Canada would ultimately be governed by legislators and not the courts.

He was named to the Order of Canada in 1987 and the Alberta Order of Excellence in 1989. He was an honorary chief of the Cree and Blood First Nations.

This summer, the Institute for Research and Public Policy named him Canada's best premier in the last 40 years.

He leaves behind his wife, four children and seven grandchildren.

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Lougheed achievements

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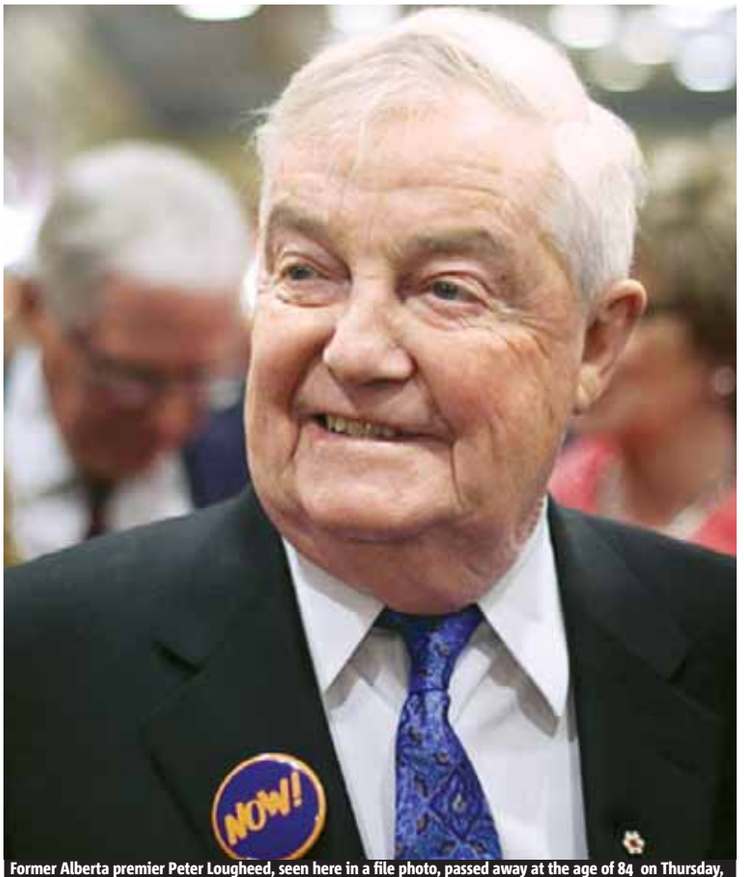

Former Alberta premier Peter Lougheed, seen here in a file photo, passed away at the age of 84 on Thursday, at the hospital that bears his name. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

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‘I miss my dad — I wish I could laugh with him again’

Memorial. Children recall fond memories of father as charge upgraded in his savage beating death

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No matter the twists and turns in his life, John Fernando Herrera-Garcia always put family first.

After moving to Canada from Colombia in 2006, the 49-year-old’s children scattered across much of Canada and the U.S., but he still found time to show his love and impart knowledge whenever possible.

“For some reason, he always knew my needs,” explained his second oldest, David Herrera. “He was so far from me, but he always knew what to tell me.”

Herrera-Garcia stayed in Calgary while his kids pursued their own careers. It was here that the electrical engineer would suffer ultimately life-ending injuries in a seemingly unprovoked attack just blocks from his Beltline home.

That was on May 23. For months, family members left behind their lives and remained by his side, praying he would come to.

Recently, Herrera-Garcia was moved to a hospice and on Wednesday he drew his last breaths with son Luis Herrera sleeping next to him.

“I woke up to almost his last breath,” Luis said. “The first thing that came to mind is now he’s going to rest in peace. There’s nothing we could have done to bring him back.”

A funeral is planned for Herrera-Garcia on Friday at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Calgary’s northeast.

David, Luis and other members of the family gathered Thursday to recall better times with the man they loved — losing to him in heated games of chess, his constant thirst for knowledge.

“I have never met anyone as smart as him,” David said, before adding with a smile, “Well, I am in university right now, so ...”

The Herreras also expressed thanks to the local Colombian community, which worked tirelessly to raise money for the family’s plane tickets and accommodations.

“Obviously, we have had a lot of support.... I miss my dad — I wish I could laugh with him again,” said daughter Laura Herrera.

Two men and a woman have been charged in the attack on Herrera, but David said he’s trying to look past criminal proceedings and stay positive. Nevertheless, the 21-year-old said his mind is clouded with uncertainty.

“What’s coming next, what’s my life going to be like?” he said. “Life keeps going — the world keeps running. The fact is, what we want to do is make him proud.”

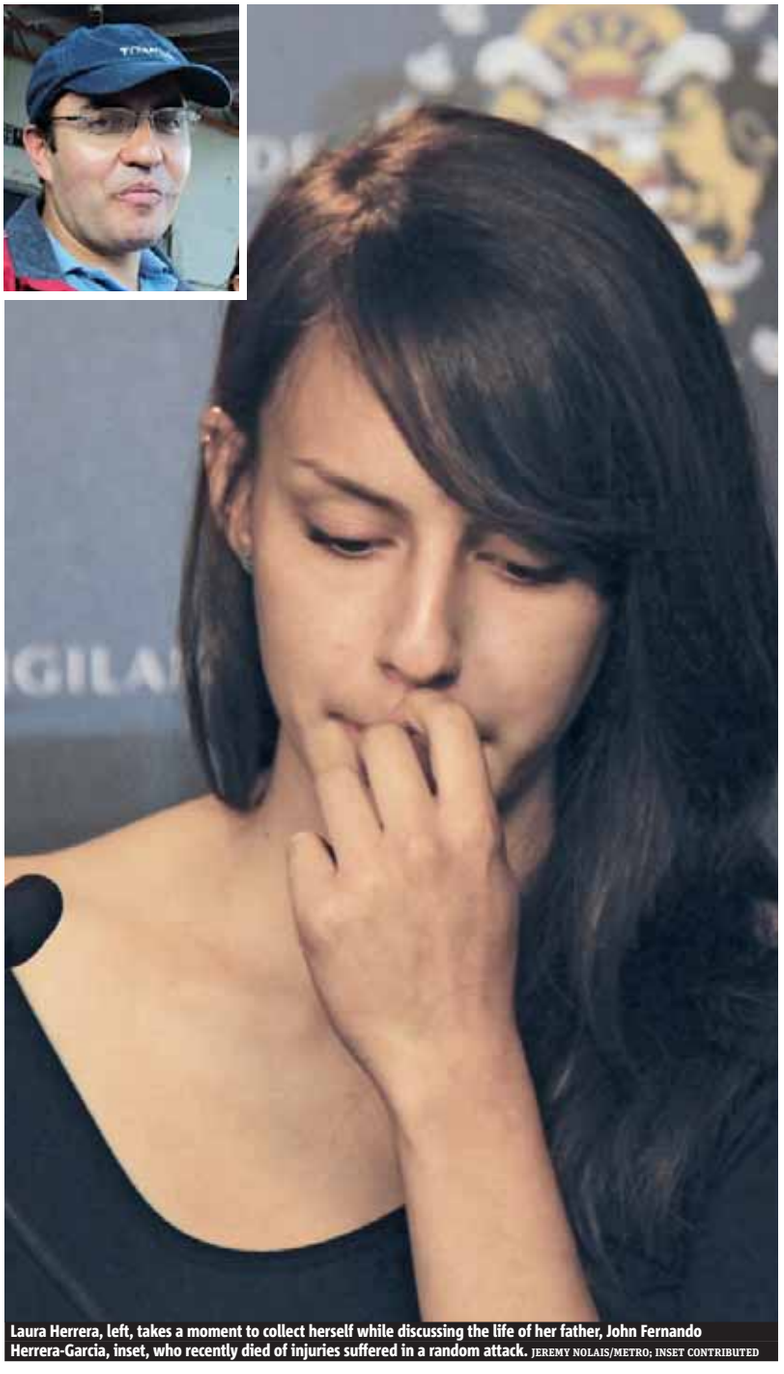
Quoted

“I woke up to almost his last breath.”

Luis Herrera, son of John Fernando Herrera-Garcia

Criminal proceedings

- Police announced Thursday that the charge against 26-year-old Garrett Elliott Lee Smith, one of three people accused in the beating death of John Fernando Herrera-Garcia, has been upgraded to second-degree murder.
- The Crown prosecutor has recommended the same upgraded charge against the other two accused, 22-year-old Jarod Donald Henry and 27-year-old Tiffany Campbell.
- Herrera-Garcia’s is now considered Calgary’s 10th homicide victim of 2012.



Laura Herrera, left, takes a moment to collect herself while discussing the life of her father, John Fernando Herrera-Garcia, inset, who recently died of injuries suffered in a random attack. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO; INSET CONTRIBUTED

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Paul Ohlinger, SAIT Polytechnic

"I usually park at the Brentwood (LRT) parking lot. It's free ... I am a student and I don't have enough money for paid parking."

Thais Guirigay, University of Calgary

"I have friends that have calculated when parking tickets become more expensive than paying for parking and will just pay the tickets instead of paying for parking."

Madi Sanchez-Tyler, SAIT

Usually pay for parking

"I feel like if I take my chances, the more I do, the more they will catch me.... They look for my car and it's not fair."

Josh Adler, Mount Royal University

"I usually do, yes.... There's a lot of enforcement; generally, there are 2 to 3 guys out at once."

Chris Andrechuk, University of Calgary

"Sometimes you will come across people that, when they switch (stalls) with you, they will give you their ticket and give you their spot, but that's luck."

Cody Cartier, Mount Royal University

Parking at Mount Royal University can cost up to $12 a day, leading some students there and at other post-secondary institutions to devise various fee-evasion strategies. KATIE TURNER/METRO

Going to great lengths to avoid parking fares

Parking-price hike. Day-lot prices rise at two post-secondary institutions; student reps suggest space crunch driving up rates

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It seems every post-secondary student refusing to pay for parking on a Calgary campus has a strategy.

Some choose to bounce between two-hour zones in adjacent communities, others map out the supposed schedules of parking-enforcement teams and some even believe parking in a stall with overhanging tree branches can protect you from a fine.

Some drivers take it a step further.

Parking managers routinely discover counterfeit passes. While some motorists have done the math and figure a pile of parking tickets will still cost less than a monthly pass.

"That's just the way people are," said Stefan Durston, parking and transportation service manager at Mount Royal University.

"You are going to have a percentage of the population that aren't going to break any rules and you are going to have some that try their best to work the system."

Durston's enforcement team hands out anywhere from 50 to 150 parking fines on campus daily and nothing surprises him anymore.

This year, daily prices in some lots at Mount Royal University and SAIT Polytechnic went up by $1, furthering the siphon of precious cash from the wallets of learners who would rather use the dough for post-class pints and that pesky first-of-the-month rent cheque.

At the University of Calgary, some of the premium day lots charge $20, a price too steep for many attending classes to swallow, according to Students' Union president Hardave Birk.

"Students are just trying to save money wherever they can," he said.

"With the cost of tuition, books and so on, it can be tough to get a university or college education these days."

Behind the scenes

Watch a video of students sharing their parking-fee-evasion strategies at metronews.ca.

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Catholic school board.
HPV Calgary seeks donations for legal fight

After school-based vaccinations against the human papilloma virus (HPV) were left off the discussion agenda at a Calgary Catholic school board meeting Wednesday, an advocacy group is pledging to follow through on its court challenge.

HPV Calgary issued a release Thursday asking for donations from those who agree a vaccine against the virus, a leading cause of cervical cancer, should be offered in school.

The group is made up of concerned medical professionals and parents and was recently lent the support of former Calgary Catholic school district Supt. Bill Devers.

Catholic board trustee chair Mary Martin has maintained that the district helps parents in favour of the vaccine by providing information about the program offered through Alberta Health Services.

HPV Calgary spokesperson Juliet Guichon has indicated litigation against the district could cost up to $100,000. METRO

Fatality stats

- It is estimated that 50 Albertans die as a result of cervical cancer each year.

$6 million

Health board posts Q1 surplus

Alberta Health Services logged a $6-million surplus in the first quarter, according to statements released Thursday.

In Q1, AHS had revenues of $3.045 billion, and expenses of $3.039 billion, netting a $6-million surplus.

"We are focused on funding initiatives, centred around patient care that will reduce wait times for high-demand programs, services and procedures," said Stephen Lockwood, chair of Alberta Health Services Board. "And we continue to provide targeted funding to zones to address the specific needs of Albertans." METRO

CALGARIANS' LOVE OF FILM STARTING TO MATURE

IN DEFENCE OF
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With the Toronto International Film Festival dominating entertainment headlines across the country, I've been finding myself reflecting about this city's love-hate relationship with our own film industry.

On one hand, we love making good movies. Unforgiven, Brokeback Mountain and Fubar were all proudly produced in and around Calgary.

On the other hand, we're the same city that is dangerously close to losing all of the small art-house theatres that are adored by an increasingly small number of film lovers.

At last count, The Plaza in Kensington stands as Calgary's lone independent theatre playing first-run films.

But while the small theatres are on life support, the city's mega movieplexes are growing at a blockbuster pace.

This week, Cineplex announced a new theatre in the deep southeast.

The cinema will have Calgary's first adults-only theatre.

No, it's not a trap for shady politicians.

Instead, it's a VIP-like movie experience with bigger seats and food and beverage service, including a licensed bar.

For approximately $20 a ticket, patrons will also be able to enjoy the latest Michael Bay movie without having to hear the cries of a child whose parents have little consideration for the rest of the theatre, nor will they have to tolerate the texts and tweets of teenagers, whose worlds revolve around vampires that walk in the daylight.

The theatre is expected to open in 2014, approximately two years before the escalator at Chinook's theatre is to be fixed.

Then there are the city's film festivals, some of which are poised to become among some of Canada's greatest.

In recent years, the Calgary Underground Film Festival and Fairy Tales Film Festival have both experienced an increase in numbers; and the Calgary International Film Festival has a fresh new staff who are likely looking to bounce back after years of uncertainty and stagnant programming.

When the festival returns on Sept. 20, it'll still have to contend with an unfortunate acronym, but it'll luckily have a stellar lineup of films to get Calgary audiences through the final few cool weeks of summer.

Throughout the rest of the year, a variety of other film festivals make sure that the interests and cultures of Calgary are represented. Among the diverse festivals are The Marda Loop Justice Film Festival, the $100 Film Festival, Calgary Arab Film Festival and the Show Us Your Shorts Film Festival. And that's just to name a few.

I think, for now, Calgary isn't prepared to take over the title of Hollywood North from cities like Toronto or Vancouver, but I bet I'm not the only one who would gladly take the northern lights over the glaring flashes of the sleazy paparazzi

No shortage of fests

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One dead in rooming house fire

Investigation. Both the police arson unit and homicide unit are looking into how the fire started

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Arson and homicide specialists are investigating a fire in Mission that killed one man at a rooming house occupied by seven participants in a local addictions program.

"Because the fire is deemed suspicious, we'll work in conjunction with the arson unit to determine circumstances of the victim's death," Staff Sgt. Doug Andrus of the Calgary police homicide unit said Thursday, following the Wednesday-night fire.

Firefighters were called to the 300 block of 25th Avenue S.W. around 9:30 p.m. and initially rescued three men who had fled to the roof, before finding a fourth man unconscious in an upstairs bedroom.

That man was taken to hospital in critical condition, where he later died.

Police tape blocks access to a rooming house on 25th Ave. S.W. on Thursday morning following a fire that left one man dead. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

The deceased was a participant in Calgary's Alpha House addictions program, as were the six other people living in the house, according to Alpha House executive director Kathy Christiansen.

"We are addressing their most immediate needs and there is certainly a great deal of grief," she said of the six surviving tenants. "They're getting the support we can provide them under the circumstances, which are difficult."

One of the six has been connected with a new home and the other five have temporary accommodation, Christiansen added.

But, she noted, their thoughts are primarily with the deceased.

"He has a family," Christiansen said. "There are people that care about him and people that were related to him."

Mission

- Fire crews called a second alarm after learning that people were on the roof needing rescue.
- A ladder crew was used to pluck the three men from the roof.
- Alpha House has never dealt with a situation like this before. "It's a first for us," said executive director Kathy Christiansen.
- One other occupant of the house was taken to hospital with minor smoke inhalation and later released.

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Java points. Jeremy Ho crowned the 2012 Canadian Barista champ

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If you're looking for an award-winning cup of coffee, look no further than Calgary barista Jeremy Ho.

Ho, a barista with local coffee shop Phil and Sebastian Coffee Roasters, was crowned the 2012 Canadian Barista Champion in Mississauga earlier this week. "You get evaluated on sensory and technique," said Ho, who was one of many baristas from across Canada to compete.

After ranking fourth in 2010 and third last year, Ho said he was glad to finally bring home the trophy, which happens to be a giant coffee tamper.

Cuppa joe?

There are two Phil and Sebastian locations in the city

- **Marda Loop.** 2043 33rd Ave. S.W.
- **Chinook Centre.** Intersection of Macleod Trail and Glenmore Trail — 6455 Macleod Trail S.W.

Alberta-acquired

Officials report two new West Nile cases

Two new cases of West Nile have been confirmed in the province; however, health officials say the threat of the virus will die out as colder weather approaches.

AHS announced Thursday the new cases, both in the South Zone, were Alberta acquired. This brings the total number of human cases to seven this year.

"When we get in to fall and when we've had a killing frost, that tends to be the end of mosquitoes for that season," said Dr. Judy MacDonald, medical officer of health with AHS.

METRO NEWS

Nordstrom to open four stores across Canada

The first Canadian Nordstrom store is set to open its doors to Calgary customers in 2014 in the space at Chinook Centre formerly occupied by Sears.

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Retail. Calgary will boast the country's premier location — slated to open in the fall of 2014

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Mega U.S. retail giant, Nordstrom announced Thursday that they would be opening four full-line stores in locations across Canada, in Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto and Ottawa respectfully.

The first store scheduled to open in the fall of 2014 will be its Calgary location set to take over space in Chinook Centre currently being vacated by Sears.

Chinook Centre patron, Pamela Ingils, told Metro on Thursday that she hopes even more U.S. retailers will hit the Canadian market to provide a greater variety for consumers with more competitive pricing.

"Everybody here likes to shop in the U.S. right, so to have the stores come here is just fantastic," she said.

President and CEO of Shelfspace, Mark Startup who represents retailers in B.C. and Alberta said it is no surprise U.S. companies like to integrate their brands within the Canadian market.

"Canada's strong economy and cultural similarities with the US make it an attractive market for American retailers who are looking to grow and expand," he said.

Quoted

"Everybody here likes to shop in the U.S. ... so to have the store come here is just fantastic."
Pamela Inglis, Chinook

Nordstrom spokesperson, Brook White agreed that with 15,000 registered online Canadian clients already, the leap across the border was a natural expansion strategy.

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High 5 for tall Calgary towers

In this week's Metro Calgary High Five! we take a look at some of the tallest business towers the city has to offer. (While the Calgary Tower is not a business tower, for sake of comparison, the iconic building measures 191 metres tall.)

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1

The Bow

The first occupants of Calgary's tallest building have recently moved into the downtown tower as construction wraps up. The Bow stands 236 metres and 58 storeys tall, and covers the majority of two city blocks. In total, the building has 100,000 cubic metres of concrete, and 900,000 square feet of glass — the equivalent of 10 football fields. The Bow is located on 6 Avenue between 1 Street E and Centre Street.

2

Suncor Energy Centre West Tower

The Suncor Energy Centre West Tower is the second-tallest business tower in Calgary, measuring 215 metres with 53 floors. This skyscraper was originally completed in 1984 and was previously known as the Petro-Canada Centre. The West Tower has more than two million square feet of office and retail space. It was considered the largest building outside of Toronto before being surpassed by The Bow. The Suncor Energy Centre is located at 111-5th Ave. S.W.

3

Eighth Avenue Place

The first of two towers planned for Eighth Avenue Place measures in at around 210 metres and is 49 storeys high, making it Calgary's third-tallest building. The second tower, which is currently under construction, will be 39 floors high. Once complete, the two towers will offer more than 1.8 million square feet of commercial space. Eighth Avenue Place is located between 8th and 9th avenues and 4th and 5th streets S.W.

4

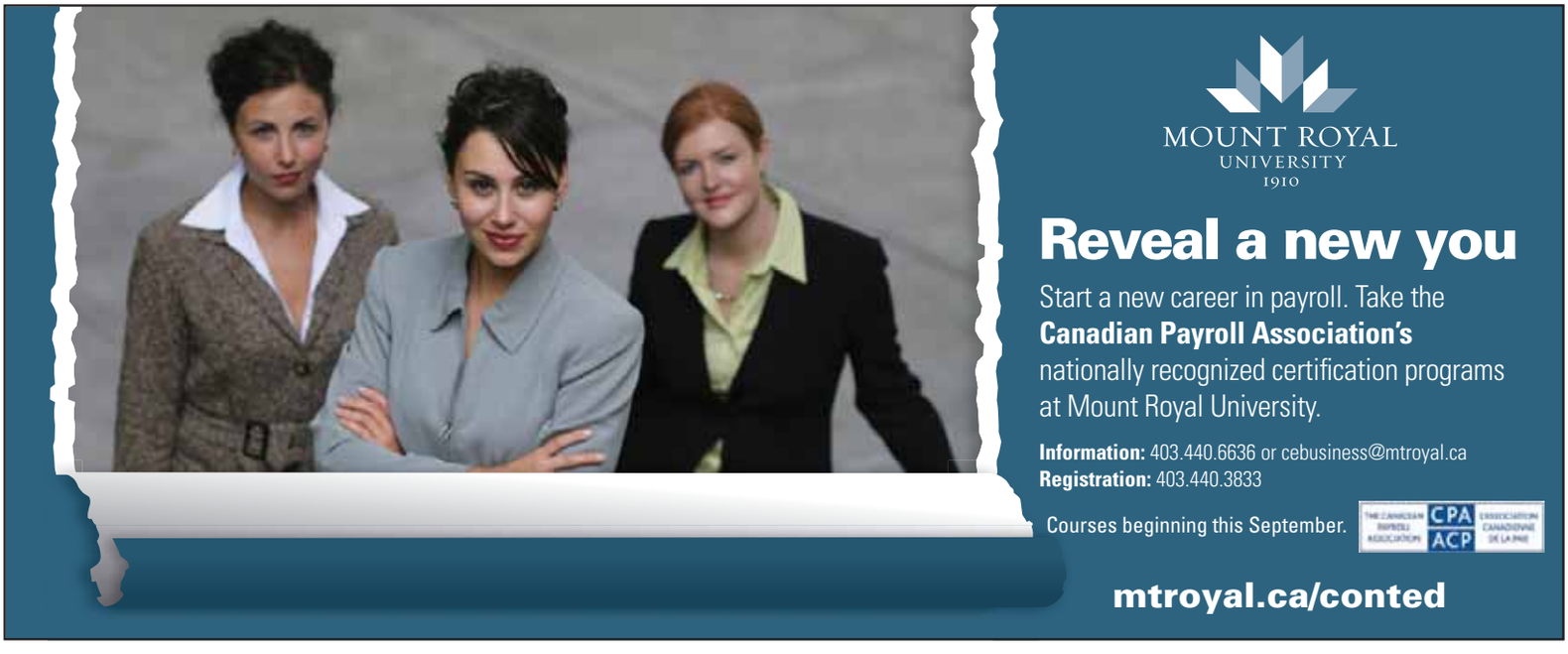
Bankers Hall — East and West Towers

The twin Bankers Hall towers are tied for the fourth-tallest business tower in the city with each tower standing 197 metres and 52 floors. The towers are also home to the Core Shopping Centre, which is downtown Calgary largest shopping complex. The east tower was completed in the late 1980s, and it was followed by the completion of the west tower in 2000. Bankers Hall East is located at 855 2 St. S.W. and Bankers Hall West is at 888-3 St. S.W.

5

Centennial Place

While other buildings in the city may have more floors than Centennial Place in Eau Claire, the tower technically reaches higher heights than many buildings thanks to a spire. The taller of the two skyscrapers at Centennial Place is 41 floors and around 165 metres tall; however, a spire on the top of the building reaches a height of nearly 183 metres. The second, smaller tower is around 100 metres tall, but a spire on the top of that building brings the height to about 118 metres.



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Parliament returns for fall sitting

The House of Commons resumes its business in Ottawa on Monday. Here's what you need to know heading in.

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Nathan Cullen, NDP

House Leader Nathan Cullen said his party is focused on opposing the Conservative government while giving Canadians a sense of the NDP's priorities.

"We're starting to turn the corner point for the next general election ... so we're putting a number of things on the window so Canadians can understand what a New Democratic government would look like around things like health care, employment insurance, our energy plan for the future — some conversations that haven't

gotten any real attention from this government. It's that mix, right? Of course you're opposing when you see bad things, but you also have to be constantly proposing."

Marc Garneau, Liberals

For Garneau, the fall will be focused on what he calls "Part 2" of Bill C-38 — the omnibus budget-implementation bill that featured everything from changes to environmental regulations to modifying the Old Age Security program.

"There are still things that they announced in their budget back in the spring, that Mr. Flaherty announced, that have not been put in a budget-implementation bill ... and of course we'll be watching very closely to see if this will be yet another kitchen-sink bill or if the

government will take a more reasoned approach and not do an unreasonable omnibus bill that has all sorts of things in it that should really be treated separately."

Peter Van Loan, Conservatives

Unsurprisingly, jobs and the economy appear to be top of mind for Conservative House Leader Peter Van Loan, whose party will bring in another omnibus budget bill this fall.

"Our top priority is the economy, job creation and economic growth. That has been the case and it will continue in the fall. That means the cornerstone in legislation will be the budget-implementation act, which will put into law the elements of the budget from the spring that we haven't passed yet.... Everything in it will be

something coming out of the budget, and that's what budget implementation bills are. It depends on what your definition of omnibus is ... but it will be a large, comprehensive bill."

Budget. Another omnibus bill fight looming

Ottawa is gearing up for the second round of implementing Finance Minister Jim Flaherty's 2012-2013 budget.

And early indications are this budget implementation bill could be every bit as contentious as Bill C-38 was in the spring.

Government House Leader Peter Van Loan said the next budget implementation bill — the legislation that enacts measures included in the budget — will be very large and "comprehensive."

It was the inclusive nature of the previous budget implementation bill, Bill C-38, that provoked a 22-hour debate in the House of Commons. The sprawling 425-page bill included a myriad of changes — from EI reform to changing the environmental assessment process to changing the age of eligibility for Old Age Security from 65 to 67.

Opposition critics argued those significant changes had no place in the budget bill and should have been broken out and debated individually. Ultimately, those complaints fell on deaf ears, and Bill C-38 passed through the House of Commons.

With a second omnibus budget bill, the Conservatives would be sending the signal that this is the way things work under their majority mandate.

WITH FILES FROM THE CANADIAN PRESS

Five storylines to watch in the coming months

- **About those fighter jets....** The debate over the decision to buy F-35 joint strike fighters is set to resume in the fall semester.
- The F-35 became a political quagmire for the Conservatives earlier this year, after a pair of damning reports from the Parliamentary Budget Officer and the auditor general.
- Both contend the government drastically underestimated the cost of the multibillion-dollar procurement, which the government denies.
- Public Works took over the F-35 file and formed a secretariat to govern the acquisition of the next-generation fighters.

- **Liberal Leadership.** The race for the Liberal leadership begins in earnest this fall, with the party's national board beginning the five-month campaign in November.
- A number of names are being tossed around already, but Montreal MPs Justin Trudeau and Marc Garneau have garnered the most attention so far.
- Declared contenders include Deborah Coyne, a constitutional lawyer in Toronto, Jonathan Mousley, a government economist, and Shane Geschiere, a paramedic from Manitoba.
- The leadership will be decided at the party's convention on April 14, 2013.

- **Thomas Mulcair — and the NDP's — performance.** This fall will be the first full sitting for Thomas Mulcair's NDP after he was picked as leader at the party's convention in Toronto last March.
- At times during the spring, the Official Opposition was overshadowed by the third-place Liberals and their veteran interim leader, Bob Rae.
- But with the leadership race behind them and critic roles decided, more will be made of NDP's performance in the House of Commons this fall.
- The party also intends to bring forward legislation on issues including health care, employment insurance and energy.

- **Natural Resources and Foreign Ownership.** Ottawa is currently reviewing China National Offshore Oil Co.'s (CNOOC) $15.1-billion bid for Calgary-based Nexen Inc.
- Some have raised concerns about the CNOOC purchase, arguing state-owned enterprises have an advantage over private companies.
- Prime Minister Stephen Harper has said the deal must be evaluated on whether it has a net benefit to Canada.

- The government has denied two foreign-takeover bids under Harper. The Nexen decision is expected later this fall.

- **Free Trade Agreements for everybody!** Canada is currently in free-trade-agreement negotiations with a number of countries, as well as the European Union.
- Conservative House Leader Peter Van Loan said, in addition to a free-trade bill with Panama, currently before the house, we might see other agreements this fall.
- When asked in July about the status of the Canada-EU free-trade agreement, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said talks were proceeding "in a positive way."
- Canada is also participating in U.S.-backed talks for a "Trans-Pacific Partnership," a proposed free-trade bloc involving more than 10 countries.

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Romney opts for 'safer political ground'

U.S. election. Republican candidate steers clear of foreign affairs and tackles Obama's position on the economy at campaign appearance

Republican presidential challenger Mitt Romney veered away from a blistering two days of ill-timed attacks on President Barack Obama's handling of foreign affairs Thursday, and instead steered to safer political ground: the struggling American economy.

At a campaign appearance in Virginia, Romney returned to his standing promises to revitalize the U.S. economy, which he said is a first requirement for continued American military dominance.

Recalling Obama's successful 2008 campaign message of hope and change, Romney told his audience in a Washington suburb: "We want real changes, I'm going to bring real change and get America working again."

Romney's dramatic move back to campaigning on the U.S. economy, the No. 1 issue for American voters, followed heavy political fire from Obama, congressional Democrats and even some powerful Republican voices. He was roundly criticized for seeking political advantage by accusing the president of apologizing to radical Islamists as they killed a U.S. ambassador and three other diplomatic workers in Libya and attacked the U.S. embassy in Egypt.

Romney's message Thursday was a reprise intended to remind voters of his long career in high finance and business as co-founder of Bain Capital, a private-equity firm from which he amassed a quarter-billion-dollar fortune.

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A U.S. Secret Service agent stands watch as Republican presidential candidate and former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney campaigns at Van Dyck Park in Fairfax, Va., Thursday. CHARLES DHARAPAK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Luring voters. Bosnian mayoral candidate using porn to boost campaign

A mayoral candidate in Bosnia's fourth-largest city is using one of the Internet's greatest lures — pornography — to draw attention to his campaign.

Mirad Hadziahmetovic is an independent candidate with a relatively slim chance of winning the October election in Zenica.

He said Thursday that he decided to upload pornographic video clips to his official campaign site after realizing that large numbers of people use the Web to peruse sexual content.

To view the material on his site, visitors must answer questions, such as "What is more important for Zenica, job creation or increasing the municipal budget" through taxes?

At the end of each clip there is a separately recorded video of Hadziahmetovic talking directly to camera and saying: "If you liked this clip, vote for me."

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Sitting pretty tall

In an undated photo provided by Guinness World Records 2013 Book, Kevin Doorlag stands with his dog Zeus in Otsego, Mich. The Great Dane is now officially the world's tallest canine according to the record book. KEVIN SCOTT RAMOS

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Currency. Mint drops royalty for folk musician's penny-inspired album

The Royal Canadian Mint has backed down in a dispute with a Nova Scotia folk singer over his upcoming album's depiction of the penny.

The mint had told Dave Gunning he faced a royalty of $1,200 if he produced in excess of 2,000 albums because they contained images of the copper-plated coin.

But Christine Aquino, a spokeswoman for the mint, said Thursday it no longer plans to charge him that fee.

Gunning could not be reached for comment Thursday, but said in a statement he was pleased the mint stopped penny pinching.

"They were just trying to do their jobs and my case was an odd one that fell between the cracks," said Gunning, who previously said the whole fuss was embarrassing for Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS

No More Pennies

Gunning, a Pictou native who's won multiple awards on the East Coast music scene, said his album, titled No More Pennies, is meant as a tribute to the ubiquitous one-cent piece, which the mint stopped producing in May though it remains legal tender.

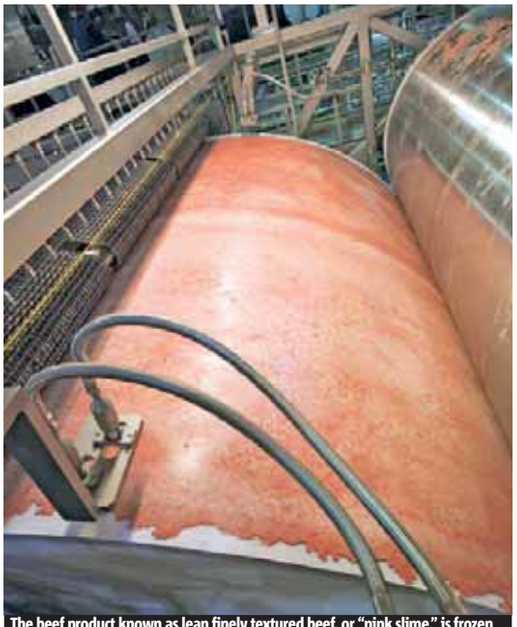
Parasite

Scientists tracking spread of tapeworm

Animal health researchers are watching what appears to be mounting evidence of the spread of a potentially dangerous parasite in coyotes, foxes and other animals in Canada.

That's a concern, they suggest, because the parasite, a tapeworm, can on occasion spill over from its wild animal hosts to infect dogs and humans. And while people aren't the tapeworm's preferred hosts, a growing number of human cases are being seen in Europe and parts of the world where the parasite is more established. THE CANADIAN PRESS

ABC News sued over reports of 'pink slime' meat product



The beef product known as lean finely textured beef, or "pink slime," is frozen on a large drum as part of its manufacturing process at the Beef Products Inc.'s plant in South Sioux City, Neb. Beef Products Inc. filed a defamation lawsuit against ABC News on Thursday, alleging that the network misled consumers to believe the product is unhealthy and unsafe. NATI HARNIK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Beef Products Inc.

Meat processor seeking $1.2B US in damages for 'misleading and defamatory' statements

Beef Products Inc. sued ABC News Inc. for defamation Thursday over its coverage of a meat product that critics dub "pink slime," claiming the network damaged the company by misleading consumers into believing it is unhealthy and unsafe.

The Dakota Dunes, S.D.-based meat processor is seeking $1.2 billion US in damages for roughly 200 "false and misleading and defamatory" statements about the product officially known as lean, finely textured beef, said Dan Webb, BPI's Chicago-based attorney.

The lawsuit filed in a South Dakota state court also names several individuals as defendants, including ABC news anchor Diane Sawyer and the Department of Agriculture microbiologist who coined the term "pink slime."

ABC News, owned by The Walt Disney Co., denied BPI's claims.

"The lawsuit is without merit," Jeffrey W. Schneider, the news station's senior vice-president, said in a brief statement Thursday. "We will contest it vigorously."

Craig Letch, BPI's director of food-quality assurance, said the company lost 80 per cent of its business in 28 days. BPI has declined to discuss how much it lost in sales, but acknowledged it took a "substantial" hit. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Malice?

BPI will have to prove the network intended to cause harm, said Patrick Garry, a media law expert at the University of South Dakota School of Law.

- "The media — regardless of your opinion of them — don't usually print something that they know to be false," Garry said. "It may be negligent, but usually there's a malice requirement as well."

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Captain, crew faulted in tragedy

Cruise chaos.
Passengers have described confused, delayed evacuation

The grounded cruise ship Costa Concordia off the Tuscan island of Giglio, Italy, on Jan. 31. PIER PAOLO CITO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Court-appointed experts have pointed the finger of blame primarily at the captain of a cruise ship that ran aground off Italy, but also faulted the crew and ship owner for a series of blunders, delays and security breaches that contributed to the disaster and the deaths of 32 people.

The Costa Concordia ran aground and capsized Jan. 13 off the Tuscan island of Giglio after Capt. Francesco Schettino took it off course in a stunt. He is accused of causing the shipwreck, manslaughter and abandoning the ship before all passengers were evacuated.

Eight other people are also under investigation, and the court in Grosseto ordered the expert investigation to help it determine which if any should be put on trial.

A hearing is scheduled for next month.

In a 270-page analysis, the experts said a series of problems hobbled the response to Schettino's manoeuvre and contributed to the botched evacuation: Crew members bungled directions, didn't understand orders and weren't trained or certified in security and emergency drills.

And they said ship owner Costa Crociere delayed alerting coastal authorities about the emergency — a charge Costa denied Thursday.

In a statement, Costa said by law it was Schettino who was supposed to have alerted authorities about the accident, and that the captain assured the Costa crew on land that he had done so.

And regardless, Costa said, Schettino's reports to Costa's headquarters were so delayed, partial and confused that the company couldn't discern how serious the emergency was.

And Costa firmly rejected the experts' claims that the crew was unprepared for emergencies, saying the "alleged defects in the certifications of some of the crew" didn't affect the evacuation.

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Envoy found unconscious

Japan's new envoy to China has been hospitalized after falling unconscious in Tokyo two days after his formal appointment.

The government's top spokesman said Ambassador Shinichi Nishimiya was found on the street near his home Thursday. Officials denied any signs of crime, but no other details were immediately known.

Nishimiya was appointed Tuesday to replace Uichiro Niwa, Japan's first China envoy from the private sector. Some lawmakers had criticized Niwa as not being tough enough on a diplomatic row over East China Sea islands that are controlled by Japan but also claimed by China and Taiwan.

Spokesman Osamu Fujimura refused to discuss if or how Nishimiya's illness might affect Japan-China relations at a sensitive time. He also declined to say if Japan opted to pick Nishimiya's replacement.

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David Cecil, the British producer of the play The River and the Mountain concerning the condition of Uganda's gays, stands in a court cell in the capital, Kampala, on Thursday. STEPHEN WANDERA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Producer jailed after gay play staged in Uganda

Man faces 2 years in jail if convicted. Says he was singled out because he had become play's 'public face'

The British producer of a play about being gay in Uganda is in jail pending his trial on charges that he had the work performed without official authorization.

David Cecil appeared in court Thursday charged with "disobeying lawful orders" from the Uganda Media Council, which says he staged The River and the Mountain in Uganda's capital last month despite orders not to.

Cecil's lawyer, Francis Onyango, said his client was not released on bail because his passport, wanted by the magistrate, had been confiscated by the police.

Cecil told The Associated Press that the play, whose main character is a gay businessman who finally gets killed by his own employees, was performed eight times at little-known theatres in Kampala last month. The play, a first for Uganda, was praised by gay rights activists who said it was "revolutionary" in the way it provoked an examination of common thinking about gays. But the play failed to make it to Uganda's national theatre, where producers rejected the script. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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St. Maarten

Caribbean nation open to Americans

There are about 1,600 Americans living in St. Maarten, out of a total population of nearly 52,000 and immigration lawyers said they don't expect an influx of retirees and workers.

Immigration authorities in St. Maarten will have to ease the requirements for U.S. citizens seeking to live in the Dutch Caribbean country, a judge has ruled.

Numbers

1,600

Of St. Maarten's nearly 52,000 residents are actually American citizens

In a case brought by an American resort manager, a judge in the Court of First Instance ruled Tuesday that St. Maarten's government is obligated to follow a 1956 treaty between the United States and the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

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Venezuela

Opposition hit by corruption scandal

Venezuela's opposition presidential candidate fired a top aide on Thursday for allegedly taking bribes in a corruption scandal that has injected a new controversy into the heated campaign ahead of the next month's election.

Henrique Capriles, who has vowed to root out Venezuela's decades-old rampant corruption, ousted deputy Juan Carlos Caldera for using the candidate's name to gain benefits.

State television released a grainy subtitled video that shows Caldera sitting across from a man who asks him to set up a meeting with Capriles.

Caldera promises to look into it, adding that a meeting outside Venezuela would be less risky. The man, unseen on camera, hands Caldera two stacks of bills that the lawmaker stashes into a manila envelope. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BlackBerry gets 'BBM' into the dictionary

Part of the language. Collins recognizes commonly used acronym for instant messaging as a word in it's own right

BBM'ing on a Research In Motion BlackBerry device. PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY SCOTT OLSON/GETTY IMAGES

BlackBerry's instant messaging service has found a new home, nestled between BBL and bbq.

The term BBM is being added to the latest edition of the Collins English Dictionary.

Shorthand for Research In Motion's BlackBerry Messenger software, the dictionary is listing it as an abbreviation as well as a noun and a verb.

The company says making it into the dictionary shows just how popular BBM is around the world.

RIM says 70 per cent of its customers use BBM on a daily basis.

The company noted several recent references to BBM including Olympic gold-medal sprinter Usain Bolt saying he had to thank a "few people on my BBM."

RIM says singers such as Tinie Tempah and Sean Kingston have also both mentioned BBM in their songs, "Miami to Ibiza" and the aptly titled "BBM."

T.A. McCann, vice-president of BBM and social communities at RIM, says the inclusion in the dictionary recognizes its status as one of the world's most popular mobile social networks.

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How sweet it is

A Syrian brown bear licks honey off fruit at the Ramat Gan Safari park outside Tel Aviv on Thursday. One of the customs during Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish new-year celebration that starts Sunday, is to eat apples dipped in honey, symbolizing the hope that the next year will be sweet. ARIEL SCHALIT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AHS apologizes for past spending

Accountability. Newly appointed chair sorry former execs billed $346,000 in expenses

The chairman of Alberta Health Services says he's sorry for any money that may have been spent on things not related to delivering health care.

Stephen Lockwood made the public apology Thursday over questionable executive expenses that have come to light recently.

"I am here today to personally apologize to all of the residents of this great province for monies that may have been spent by any predecessor organization of AHS on expenses not related to health care in Alberta," said the newly appointed Lockwood.

"I believe this is my time to stand up and be accountable."

The agency that administers health care in the province was formed when health authorities were merged as a cost-cutting measure. It has been dogged by controversy since two senior health executives quit this summer over expense claims totalling $346,000.

Allaudin Merali resigned as chief financial officer over his claims for expensive restaurant meals, maintenance for his Mercedes and international trips when he worked for Capital Health, the now-defunct Edmonton regional authority, from 2005 to 2008.

Sheila Weatherill, Merali's boss at the time who approved the claims, stepped down from the board of AHS within days. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Changes

The province is taking accountability by conducting an audit and increasing oversight.

- Going forward, Lockwood said, executive expenses are to be posted online monthly using travel and expense protocols announced by Premier Alison Redford last week.
- Alberta's health minister has already ordered an audit into all of Merali's expenses from his time at Capital Health.
- Lockwood said he doesn't favour wasting any more dollars by hiring auditors to expand or extend reviews into other regions.

Finally a boy scout at 82

Jim Gatton, 82, is seen in front of the totem pole he carved for Boy Scout Troop 126 at Charles Palm Park in Bellville, Ohio. He became an honorary scout after 74 years of waiting. His father was a farmer and didn't have time to take him to scout meetings. DAVE POLCYN/NEWS JOURNAL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Real Minority Report: How the FBI spots mass killers

Crime fighting. FBI has installed a team to determine which unstable students may turn into murderers

ELISABETH BRAW
Metro World News in London

In the Hollywood blockbuster Minority Report starring Tom Cruise, the "precrime" squad uses humanoid oracles to see into the future and predict crimes before they occur. The FBI does its predicting using more traditional methods. CONTRIBUTED/DREAMWORKS

This year, seven people were shot dead at Oikos University in California. Last year, three people were shot dead at San Jose State University, also in California. The year before, two people were killed at Ohio State University. In 2007, a student at Virginia Tech shot and killed 32 professors and fellow students.

The list goes on and on. André Simons heads the FBI team tasked with ending it. Simons, a supervisory special agent, heads the Behavioral Threat Assessment Center (BTAC) at the agency's Behavioral Analysis Unit.

"We don't track potential mass killers on college campuses," he explains. "But universities often come to us for help when a student's behaviour becomes dangerous."

In other words, when university professors, psychologists or police spot suspicious actions or statements by a student — or a professor or other employee — they call Simons' team. Each year the BTAC, which was established only two years ago, receives more than 100 assistance requests.

Even though university mass shootings can seem unpredictable, there are usually red flags, observes Simons, whose team includes FBI agents, a U.S. Capitol Police special agent and a psychiatrist. "There are often concerning behaviours and indicators that can be recognized before an attack."

From 2000 to 2008, there were no less than 83 violent assaults on U.S. campuses, with the shooters targeting former girlfriends, professors or random individuals.

Seung-Hui Cho, the 23-year-old mass killer at Virginia Tech, had previously been diagnosed with depression and anxiety disorders, stalked female students, and submitted writings about violence to professors.

Today, virtually all college campuses have staff trained to spot such behaviour.

"If there's an urgent situation where a person of concern has taken steps towards a violent act, it demands immediate attention," explains Simons. "We're on duty 24 hours a day, and in urgent situations we triage the case immediately and help the university decide what to do. If there's a hostage situation, we support the FBI's hostage negotiators."

In most cases, the FBI recommends mental-health care.

The new focus on spotting potential mass murderers — rather than turning universities into fortresses — has yielded good results: In 2008, the latest year with available data, 55 people were killed on U.S. campuses, down from 66 the year before.

"If the universities didn't act on these individuals, more crimes would have been perpetrated," notes Simons.

Q&A

JAMES ALAN FOX
Professor of criminology, Northeastern University, Boston

How can universities prevent mass shootings and other violence?
If a student submits writings that are unnerving, the university has a duty to report it, but don't do it in a way that makes the student feel persecuted ... it's not always easy to assess danger — there's a large pool of people who show warning signs, but most of them will never pick up a weapon. And we shouldn't go overboard in trying to prevent university violence ... Some universities do drills to prepare students for acts of violence, but that leaves them traumatized.

Doesn't vigilance violate students' civil liberties?
Some universities want to access students' medical files, but that's overstepping and it's not necessary. The so-called red flags are only red after an act of violence. Beforehand, they're only yellow.

So violence at universities can't be prevented?
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Neil Armstrong. Americans say goodbye to first man to walk on the moon

The powerful of Washington, the pioneers of space, and the everyday public crowded into the Washington National Cathedral Thursday for a public interfaith memorial for a very private astronaut.

Neil Armstrong, who died last month in Ohio at age 82, walked on the moon in July 1969. Apollo 11 crewmates Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins and Mercury astronaut John Glenn and two dozen members of Congress were among the 1,500 people in the cavernous cathedral. A moon rock that the Apollo 11 astronauts gave the church in 1974 is embedded in one of its stained-glass windows.

“As you soar through the heavens beyond even where eagles dare to go, you can now finally put out your hand and touch the face of God,” Eugene Cernan, the last man to walk on the moon said in a tribute to Armstrong.

Cernan was followed by a solemn version of the song Fly Me to the Moon by singer Diana Krall. The service included excerpts from a speech 50 years ago by John F. Kennedy in which he said America chose to send men to the moon not because it was easy but because it was hard.

NASA administrator Charles Bolden, a former astronaut, read a letter from U.S. President Barack Obama saying, “The imprint he left on the surface of the moon is matched only by the extraordinary mark he left on ordinary Americans.”

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Tribute

“He’s now slipped the bonds of Earth once again, but what a legacy he left.”

Former U.S. Treasury Secretary John Snow in a speech at the memorial

Singer Diana Krall holds hands with astronaut and former Ohio Sen. John Glenn during a memorial service for Apollo 11 astronaut Neil Armstrong on Thursday at the National Cathedral in Washington. EVAN VUCCI/POOL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Rain brings relief to farmers

Recent rainfall came too late to help withered corn crop already being harvested in many parts of the United States, but it kept drought conditions from worsening in several key Midwest and Plains states and should help other crops still maturing in the fields.

The U.S. Drought Monitor released its weekly map on Thursday that showed the area of Nebraska deemed to be in extreme or exceptional drought — the two most severe categories — held steady during the seven-day period ending Tuesday, at 97.4 per cent. Kansas remained unchanged, at 88.34 per cent, and Illinois showed little change, coming in at 6.67 per cent.

The latest report came a day after the U.S. Department of Agriculture slightly lowered its estimate for the nation’s average corn per acre yield, pegging it at its lowest point since 1995. With the U.S. enduring its worst drought in decades, corn and soybean prices have soared this summer amid worries of tighter supplies of the commodities. Major corn users — livestock farmers, the ethanol industry and other countries importing it — will be forced to negotiate their level of use, a sort of market rationing that takes place in years of low supply.

Storms that rumbled across portions of the Corn Belt in recent weeks and subsequent storms have contributed moisture that growers say could benefit still-maturing soybean fields. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Filmmaker identified.
Christian Egyptian made movie that sparked riots

U.S. Federal authorities have identified a Coptic Christian Egyptian in southern California who is on probation after his conviction for financial crimes as the key figure behind the anti-Muslim film that ignited mob violence against U.S. embassies across the Mideast, a U.S. law enforcement official said Thursday.

He said authorities had concluded that Nakoula Basseley Nakoula, 55, was behind Innocence of Muslims, a film that sparked protests this week in Egypt, Libya and Yemen. It was not immediately clear whether Nakoula was part of the broader investigation into the deaths of U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans in Libya. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A Libyan man holds a placard in English on Tuesday after a violent demonstration against the U.S. consulate in Benghazi. IBRAHIM ALAGURI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Twitter fight. Tweets from U.S. and Egypt get snarky after violence

The snark is flying between the U.S. Embassy in Cairo and the Muslim Brotherhood in a Twitter spat in the wake of an assault on the mission by protesters in the Egyptian capital.

The embassy's tweets implied that the Brotherhood, whose longtime member Mohammed Morsi is Egypt's new president, has been sending mixed messages, fuelling public anger.

It started when Ikhwanweb, the Twitter page of the Muslim Brotherhood, retweeted a message in English from the group's deputy head, Khairat el-Shater.

"We r relieved none of (at) USEmbassyCairo staff were harmed & hope US-Eg relations will sustain turbulence of Tuesday's events."

"Thanks," the embassy replied. "By the way, have you checked out your own Arabic feeds? I hope you know we read those too."

"We understand you're under a lot of stress," came the Ikhwanweb retort, "but still it will be more helpful if you point out exactly the Arabic feed of concern." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Yemeni protesters break a door of the U.S. Embassy in Sanaa, Yemen, during a protest Thursday over the film Prophet. HANI MOHAMMED/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Prophet protests target embassies

Controversial film.
Perceived ridicule of Muhammad inflames Islamists' tempers, anti-American and anti-Israeli violence

Chanting "death to America" and "death to Israel," hundreds of protesters angered by an anti-Islam film stormed the U.S. Embassy compound in Yemen's capital and burned the American flag on Thursday, the latest in a series of attacks on American diplomatic missions in the Middle East.

The string of assaults this week, in Yemen, Egypt and the storming of a U.S. consulate in Libya that killed four Americans, point to an increased boldness among Islamists who have become more powerful since last year's wave of revolts toppled authoritarian leaders.

The anger over the movie denigrating Islam's Prophet Muhammad has also put the region's new leaders — some of whom are themselves Islamists — in a difficult corner, between a base demanding a free hand to respond to the insult and U.S. pressure to crack down. In the past, protests have broken out over perceived insults to Islam from the West, but in Arab countries they never escalated to the degree of breaching embassies, suggesting now hard-liners feel they can act with impunity.

Yemen's president, Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi, quickly apologized to the U.S. for the embassy attack and vowed to track down the culprits, just as Libya's president did. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ottawa's response

Canada shut its embassy in Cairo for the day out of worries about security.

- A Foreign Affairs spokeswoman says the embassy is a close neighbour of the American mission, which has been the focus of angry protests.
- Canada shut down the embassy for the day out of concern for the safety of staff, she says.

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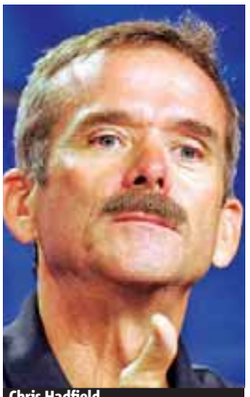
Welcome to the space jam, Chris Hadfield

Astro songs. Astronaut says he's been working in Canada to record a song written by the Barenaked Ladies


Chris Hadfield
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Canadian astronaut Chris Hadfield, an avid guitar player, says he's planning on doing some serious space jamming during his six-month visit to the International Space Station.

The veteran astronaut is scheduled to blast off aboard a Russian spacecraft on Dec. 5, with NASA astronaut Tom Marshburn and Russian cosmonaut Roman Romanenko.

Both of his travelling space companions also play guitar. Romanenko actually played with U2 when the group visited Moscow in 2010, while Marshburn is a classical guitarist.

Hadfield says he's planning to do some song-writing while he gazes down at the Earth.

"On board the space station, there's a Canadian guitar made in Vancouver, but there's also a keyboard and a ukelele," he said.

The 53-year-old astronaut says that while he'll be busy doing experiments and maintaining the space station, he'll also take time during evenings and weekends to play and record the songs he's written.

Some of those sessions will include other members of the musical astronaut trio.

"It's an extension of communication,'' Hadfield said.

"We can talk in Russian, we can talk in French, we can talk in English and we can talk in music — and it's a really fundamental human form of artistic communication."

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Chemicals released into floodwater during Isaac

This aerial photo shows workers at the Stolthaven chemical holding and transfer facility in Plaquemines Parish near New Orleans, Thursday. A report by Stolthaven to the National Response Center admits to releasing gallons of benzene, styrene, toluene and other chemicals into floodwaters that entered Braithwaite, La., during Hurricane Isaac, according to the Louisiana Bucket Brigade. DAVID GRUNFELD/THE TIMES-PICAYUNE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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‘Lives can be transformed,’ through hospices: Kate

William and Kate attend an official dinner hosted by Malaysia’s Head of State, Sultan Abdul Halim Mu’adzam Shah of Kedah, on Thursday in Kuala Lumpur. MARK LARGE/GETTY IMAGES

First speech abroad. Duchess of Cambridge makes plea for palliative care during trip to Far East

Prince William’s wife, Kate, stressed the importance of specialized medical care for seriously ill children Thursday in her first speech outside the United Kingdom.

The Duchess of Cambridge said while visiting a Malaysian hospice that “lives can be transformed” by providing places of support for child patients and their families.

The royal couple is on a nine-day tour of the Far East and South Pacific in celebration of Queen Elizabeth II’s Diamond Jubilee.

William and Kate arrived in Malaysia on Thursday after visiting Singapore. They had lunch with Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak and other government officials before visiting a hospice in a Kuala Lumpur suburb.

Kate spoke of the need for “life-changing” care of dying patients. She talked of her education about palliative care through her role as patron of East Anglia’s Children’s Hospices.

“Through this patronage, I have learnt that delivering the best possible palliative care to children is vital,” she said.

“It has been wonderful meeting the patients, families and all the staff here — you have given us the most wonderful welcome.”

During a private visit inside the hospice, William and Kate chatted with young patients and drew on clay bricks. William drew a cat and mouse that resembled cartoon characters Tom and Jerry, while Kate drew a tree with birds flying above it, according to British Embassy representatives.

About 20 children from a nearby kindergarten waited for the couple to arrive outside the facility. Some waved Malaysian flags and a colourful banner that included the words “Welcome” and “We love you.”

Kate, who is patron of the East Anglia Children’s Hospice, a U.K.-based charity, said she was excited to be learning about Malaysia’s first palliative-care program for children.

William and Kate visited Singapore on Thursday and are scheduled to visit Borneo island before heading to the Solomon Islands on Saturday.

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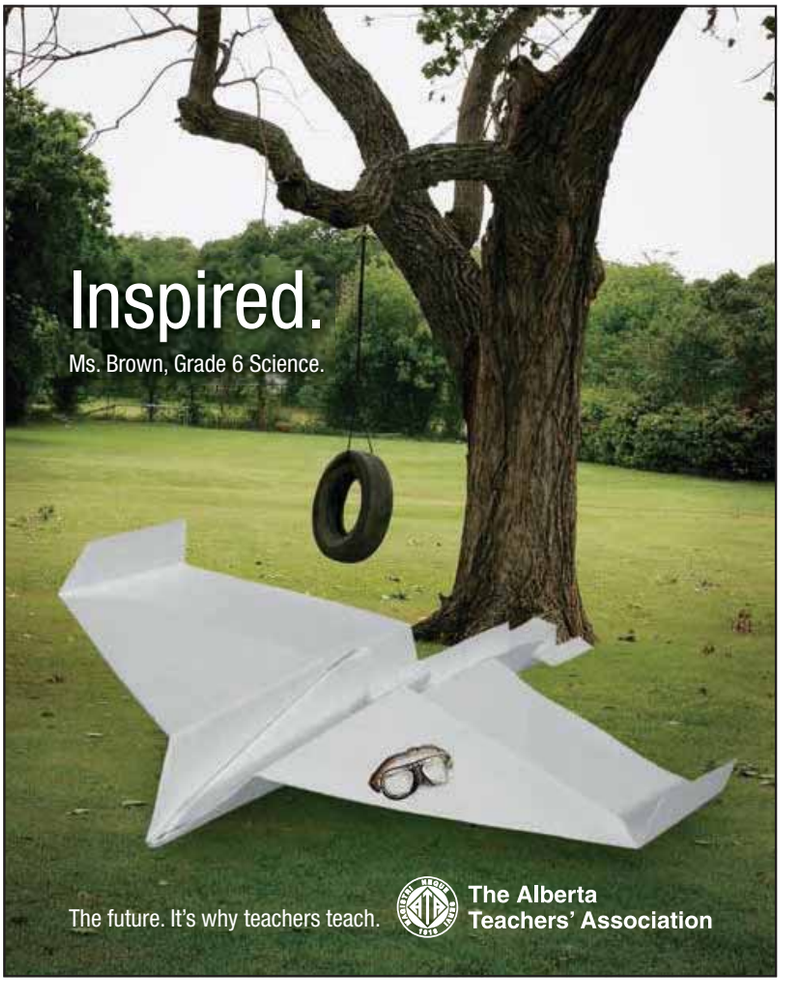
Quoted

“With effective palliative care, lives can be transformed. Treatment, support, care and advice can provide a lifeline to families at a time of great need.”

Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge



Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge, speaks to Zakwan Anuar, 15, who has leukemia, at Hospis Malaysia. It was Day 3 of Prince William and his wife's nine-day Southeast Asian and Pacific tour marking Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee. GETTY IMAGES

Royal visit. Putting a smile on a sick boy's face

For his mother, for the staff at Hospis Malaysia, it was a gift rarely seen on the face of the 15-year-old boy with acute leukemia.

But when Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge, sat down next to him on Thursday, there it was, as big and as bright as ever.

"It was as if the leukemia had gone," said his mother, Norizan Sulong, who was moved to tears.

Zakwan was so looking forward to Kate's visit to the hospice, he postponed his scheduled blood-transfusion treatment so there was no chance he would miss her.

The duchess chatted with Zakwan, who had his birthday two days ago, for about 15 minutes as his mother sat beside them.

"Zakwan is normally very sleepy and in pain, crying, almost giving up hope, but today, my God, it was as if the leukaemia had gone," said his mom Norizan.

"He is in more pain because he put off his blood transfusion and he needed a lot of painkillers, but I don't see the need for that now. God bless her. I cannot repay that kindness."

Dr. Ednin Hamzah, founder of Hospis Malaysia, praised Kate for her work with hospices. "I think the duchess could become the champion for the hospice movement worldwide if she wants to take on that mantle," he told the assembled media.

"It's not by chance that we were picked for her first speech abroad. It wasn't a random thing."

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Chatting with Kate

Kate signed Zakwan's birthday card as she talked to him about life in the hospice.

- "You must be very, very brave," Kate told him. "Are you in pain? You're a brave boy. Thank you so much for coming to see me."
- He told her she was "very pretty," prompting her to reply: "Thank you. You're very handsome."

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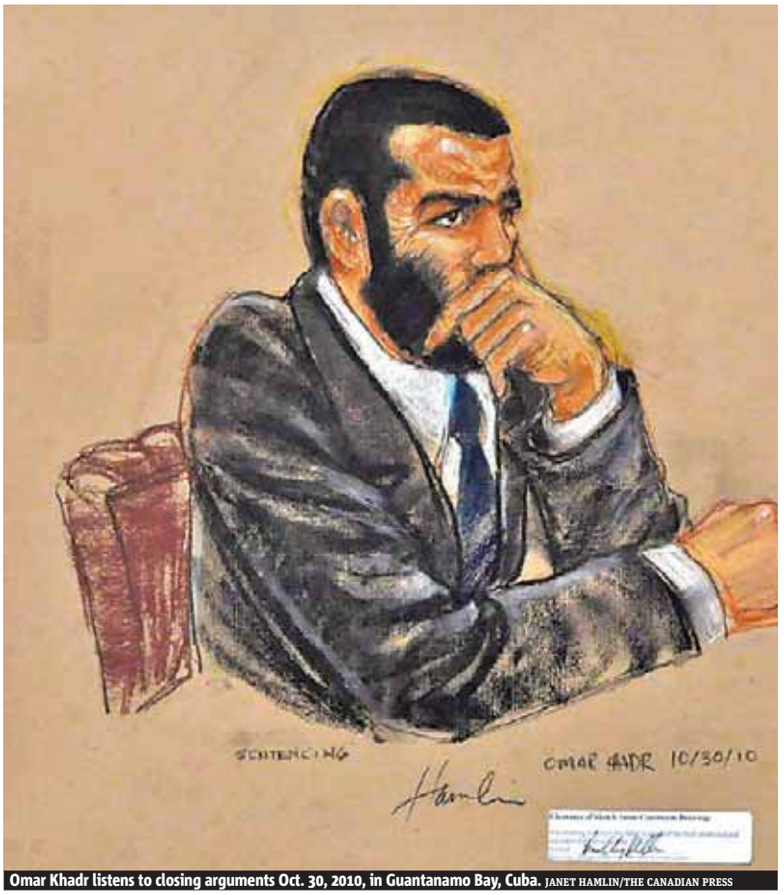

Omar Khadr listens to closing arguments Oct. 30, 2010, in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. JANET HAMLIN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada maintains it isn't stalling on Omar Khadr's return

Federal government. The delay in finalizing Khadr's transfer from Guantanamo Bay is Americans' fault, feds contend

New court documents show the Canadian government is defending itself against allegations it is deliberately dragging its feet in allowing Omar Khadr to return from Guantanamo Bay by arguing much of the delay is the fault of the Americans.

In an affidavit filed in response to a Federal Court application by Khadr's lawyers, a senior public safety official cites two main reasons for the lack of a decision to an application for Khadr to serve out his sentence in Canada — something he was eligible to do starting last October.

The first reason cited was a delay in Washington's approval of the transfer — granted only this past spring.

The second reason was Public Safety Minister Vic Toews's request for sealed videos of mental assessments of the inmate done for military prosecutors — apparently only discovered in February through media reports.

Khadr pleaded guilty to five crimes, including murder, in violation of the rules of war before a widely discredited military commission in October 2010. He applied to transfer to Canada in April of last year.

In an affidavit by Mary Campbell, the Correctional Service of Canada finished processing the application in October 2011 — around the time Khadr was eligible to return under terms of his widely reported plea deal.

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Background

The U.S. indicated its approval of Khadr's transfer in April and provided the actual hard-copy package in May.

- **Correspondence.** Canada began to correspond with the U.S. in March about sealed videotapes of assessments done by a psychiatrist and military psychologist — after learning about their existence through media reports a month earlier.
- **Requirements.** Because the tapes had been sealed, it would require a joint defence-prosecution request to the head of the military commissions and a security clearance to have them released to the Canadian government. It took until Sept. 5 for the tapes to reach the ministry.

Thousands flee area close to Guatemala's Volcano of Fire

Dangerous. Explosions heard coming from the long-active volcano, which is now spewing lava and ash

Guatemala's head of emergency evacuations says more than 33,000 people are fleeing the eruption of a long-active volcano just outside one of the country's most famous tourist attractions.

Sergio Cabanas says the evacuees are leaving some 17 villages around the Volcano of Fire, which sits about 16 km from the colonial city of Antigua.

The agency says the volcano spewed lava nearly 600 metres down slopes billowing with ash on Thursday.

Seismologists also say a series of explosions have been coming from the 3,763-metre-high volcano.

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Smoke rises from the Volcano of Fire seen from Palin, south of Guatemala City, on Thursday. MOISES CASTILLO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New York. Jewish rite subject to consent

New York City's Board of Health voted Thursday to require parental consent for a form of circumcision that involves oral suction, a ritual practised by some ultra-Orthodox Jews.

The board voted 9-0 to require that anyone performing the ritual obtain written consent from the infant's parent or guardian. The parents will have to sign a form acknowledging that the city Health Department advises against the practice because of risks of herpes and other infections.

The procedure is called "metzitzah b'peh" in Hebrew. The person performing the circumcision cleans the wound by sucking blood.

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Dangerous to infants

11 There have been 11 confirmed cases of herpes simplex since 2004 in newborn boys after circumcisions that likely involved direct oral suction. Two of the infants died.

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CIBC Survey

Small biz optimistic despite climate

A new poll of small Canadian businesses suggests that a majority are optimistic about their prospects for success and many plan on expansion, despite a challenging economic climate.

The survey commissioned by CIBC finds that 85 per cent of small business owners are optimistic about the future success of their company.

Nearly half say they plan to expand their business within the next three years.

The poll by Leger Marketing finds nearly six in 10 business owners in the start-up phase plan on expanding.

That's nearly double the number of established business owners who say they plan on growing.

Businesses in Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan were among the most likely to want to expand, while businesses in Ontario were least likely to be planning an expansion.

The poll also suggests that those small business owners who have expanded in the past, access to financing and fluctuations in cash flow ranked among their biggest concerns. THE CANADIAN PRESS

N.Y.C. Board of Health bans supersized sodas

Controversy. Some applaud the move while others mock it as a nanny-state decision

New York City's Board of Health opened up a new, experimental front in the war on obesity Thursday, passing a rule banning sales of big sodas and other sugary drinks at restaurants, concession stands and other eateries.

The regulation, which was proposed in the spring by Mayor Michael Bloomberg and approved by panel of health experts after several months of review, puts a 475-millilitre size limit on cups and bottles of non-diet soda, sweet teas and other calorie-packed beverages.

The ban will apply in fast-food joints, movie houses and Broadway theatres, workplace cafeterias, and most other places selling prepared food.

A man lights a cigarette as he walks past an advertisement created in collaboration with Mountain Dew and New York Art Department on Thursday on 13th Street in New York. JEFFREY FURTICELLA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

It doesn't cover beverages sold in supermarkets or most convenience stores.

The restaurant and beverage industries have assailed the plan as misguided. They say the city's health experts are exaggerating the role sugary beverages have played in making Americans fat.

One board member, Dr. Sixto R. Caro, abstained from voting. The other eight board members voted yes.

"I'm still skeptical. This is not comprehensive enough," said Caro, a doctor of internal medicine who practices in Brooklyn. Some New Yorkers have also ridiculed the rule as a gross government intrusion and tens of thousands signed a petition, circulated by the industry, voicing their opposition.

The unprecedented regulation would follow other ambitious health moves on Bloomberg's watch. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Copycats. Newest investment strategy to imitate others' trading

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Ditto Trade's CEO, Joe Fox, says his company will empower the stock-trading masses. What he's doing, he says, is tapping connections people already have with friends and family. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Invention. Amazing plastic-to-oil machine no longer a pipe dream

Diverting plastic from landfills and turning it into oil is now finally a reality.

A machine invented in Japan has been installed in a Whitehorse recycling plant that can chew through 240 kilograms of plastic every day and produce enough oil to heat about 70 homes.

The technology is suited to northern Canada, where most homes are heated with oil-burning furnaces. The contraption, which is the first of its kind in North America, looks like a mad scientist's workshop and takes over an area roughly the size of a pool table at the warehouse at P&M Recycling.

Plastic that has been cut into coarse granules is fed into a trough, moves through various tubes and chambers until it turns into a gas and is cooled. At the end, a light-coloured oil drips from a spigot into a receptacle. The machine processes about 10 kilograms of plastic, producing about 10 litres of oil every hour, and can run continuously.

The only other byproducts include a bit of carbon residue, carbon dioxide and water vapour. The carbon dioxide emitted is equivalent to about four humans breathing normally. YUKON NEWS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Inventor Kiyoshi Nakajima stands next to his invention, which turns plastic into oil, in Whitehorse on Tuesday. IAN STEWART/YUKON NEWS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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CRTC. Telus says Bell shouldn't be allowed to buy Astral without safeguards

Bell would have too much control over content and the potential to negatively affect consumers and competitors if it's allowed to buy Astral Media, Telus Corp. said Thursday.

Telus was the latest telecom rival to tell the CRTC that Bell's acquisition of the speciality TV channel and radio broadcaster shouldn't be allowed, or if it is approved it must have conditions and restrictions.

"Consumers want to buy rights for all content on all platforms," Telus executive Ann Mainville-Neeson said Thursday after making her company's case to the broadcast regulator.

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Counter-argument

Bell has countered by saying it needs to be large enough to compete with global companies, especially in newer digital forms of media that relay content to mobile phones, tablets and other devices.

Gambling boom

Casinos opening in Philippines, Korea, Russia

In the Philippines, a $4-billion casino will soon rise from reclaimed land on the edge of Manila Bay. In South Korea, foreign investors are expected to break ground next year on a clutch of casino resorts offshore. And on the eastern edge of Russia, authorities plan a resort zone aimed at drawing Chinese high-rollers.

The projects are part of a casino building boom rolling across Asia, where governments are trying to develop their tourism markets to capture increasingly affluent Asians with a penchant for gambling.

They're building glitzy, upscale Las Vegas-style resorts in a bid to copy the runaway success of Asian gambling hubs Macau and Singapore.

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Nintendo unveils new Wii U GamePad

Nintendo's Bill Trinen demonstrates the Wii U GamePad, Thursday, in New York. The gaming console will start at $300 and will go on sale in the U.S. on Nov. 18, just in time for the holidays. MARK LENNIHAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hacking that starts before the bubble wrap comes off

Built-in viruses.
Highly contagious bug connects users to a network of computers as it boots up

A customer in Shenzhen, China, took a brand new laptop out of its box and booted it up for the first time. But as the screen lit up, the computer began taking on a life of its own. The machine, triggered by a virus hidden in its hard drive, began searching across the Internet for another computer.

The laptop, supposedly in pristine, super-fast, direct-from-the-factory condition, had instantly become part of an illegal, global network capable of attacking websites, looting bank accounts and stealing personal data.

For years, online investigators have warned consumers about the dangers of opening or downloading files emailed to them from unknown or suspicious sources. Now, they say malicious software and computer code could be lurking on computers before the bubble wrap even comes off.

The shopper in this case was part of a team of Microsoft researchers in China investigating the sale of counterfeit software. They suddenly had been introduced to a malware called Nitol. The incident was revealed in court documents unsealed Thursday in a federal court in Virginia.

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Court records

What emerges most vividly from the court records is a disturbing picture of how vulnerable Internet users have become, in part because of weaknesses in computer supply chains.

BEAR HUG THE NEW FIST PUMP

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1 Tieless TIFF. Amid all the glamour at the Toronto International Film Festival, a men's fashion trend emerged: Actors going tieless. The likes of Bruce Willis, Ben Affleck, Ryan Gosling and Bradley Cooper all went sans tie, prompting Toronto Life's blog to ask of the "tieless brigade" at TIFF, "Come on guys, would it kill you to dress up a little?" I say bring the dapper without the tie!

2 SNL is back. The iconic sketch comedy show Saturday Night Live begins its 38th season Saturday with three new cast members and Family Guy creator Seth MacFarlane as host of the premiere episode. Even better, in its second episode, Mumford & Sons will perform. Their sophomore album, Babel, is being released on Sept. 25. Must watch TV.

3 Elton John drama. With nearly 5,000 fans seated for Sir Elton's show Saturday night at the Memorial Centre in Peterborough, Ont., the lights came on shortly after 8 p.m. and the show abruptly was cancelled due to Elton having lost his voice. I was there with my wife on a date night gone bad. Luckily, he's doing a makeup show next Wednesday. Except I have a soccer banquet that night. Elton, can you crash it?

4 Obama bear hug. The Secret Service didn't seem to mind when muscular six-foot-three Florida pizza restaurant owner Scott Van Duzer picked up the president and gave him a huge bear hug, with Obama laughing away, in a photo gone viral. Maybe that's because he's a registered Republican who voted for Obama in 2008, and plans to do so again on Nov. 6. In any case, bear hugs are the new fist pumps.

5 Andy Murray ace. Britain's post-Olympics euphoria continued this week after Murray won his first grand slam title, defeating Novak Djokovic in the U.S. Open final 7-6, 7-5, 2-6, 3-6, 6-2. Murray is the first British male grand slam champion in 76 years. Now comes a wave of global sponsors — and likely tea with Will and Kate. Andy, I will be your ball boy if you bring me along.

6 Beautiful babies. Vancouver-bred Ryan Reynolds tied the knot with Gossip Girl star Blake Lively in Mt. Pleasant, S.C., near Charleston, after a year of dating. These two gorgeous lovebirds will make beautiful kids together. Heck, Blake recently revealed to Allure magazine she wants 30 children if she could! J.Crew catalogue, you've found your models for many years to come.

7 NBC's 9-11 gaffe. There was a moment of silence observed at 8:46 a.m. in New York City and the White House Tuesday to remember when the first plane hit the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001. CNN, ABC and CBS all carried it, but NBC's Today show chose instead to air an interview with Keeping Up With the Kardashians star Kris Jenner. Boneheaded.

8 Manning up. Peyton Manning's comeback from a neck injury began with his new team, the Denver Broncos, Sunday, and the future Hall of Famer looked like a stud, leading the Broncos to a win over the Pittsburgh Steelers. The Hall of Fame QB who signed him, Broncos executive John Elway, is smitten. Ex-Broncos QB Tim Tebow — and his 'Tebowing' — are already long forgotten.

9 Farm aid Ottawa. Jason Blaine, Canadian Country Music Award winner for single of the year at Sunday's Canadian Country Music Association awards, will be among those appearing at Ottawa's Farm Aid concert this Sunday. This country-music benefit at Ottawa Stadium will aid area farmers hit hard by this summer's drought. Great cause, special weekend.

10 Kelly Oxford, LOL. If you're looking for a hilarious tweeter to follow, make it @kellyoxford. This mom/writer tweets comic gems like "I wish my kid would just pee in the pool", "Sometimes the only thing that stops me from buying a pair of shoes is imagining Jessica Simpson buying them" and "Sometimes I watch 'Intervention' just to see my husband cry."

11 Rick Mercer, booked. Canada's brilliant satirist has a new book coming out next week, Rick Mercer: A Nation Worth Ranting About, a new collection of rants from his hit CBC show Rick Mercer Report, plus three previously unpublished pieces. There's no one in Canada better at calling BS than Mercer. Other than my wife whenever I tell her I'm funny.

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Oh no, not the tongue!

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Animal union

Cheetah and dog's unlikely friendship

Anybody who reckons cats and dogs are natural enemies should think twice after spotting Cincinnati Zoo's latest adorable couple.

Max, a 13-week-old Labrador, is pictured giving Savannah the cheetah cub a wet kiss. The pair are part of the zoo's program that sees all their cheetahs have dog companions. METRO

What usually happens

"Cheetahs, being skittish animals, will do as they typically do and hunt the farmers' livestock (in their native Africa). But, when they hear the dog barking they will run away, which saves the farmer from having to shoot the cheetah."

Tiffany Barnes from Cincinnati Zoo explains the idea behind the program

Oddest animal couples

- **Snake and rodent.** Zookeepers at Tokyo's Mutsugoro Okoku zoo were startled when their resident rat snake refused to eat a dwarf hamster, and instead forged an unlikely friendship in a glass box home. The zoo's explanation was that snake Aochan had a taste for frozen rodents, so wasn't keen on downing Gohan.
- **Kangaroo and wombat.** Baby kangaroo Anzac and baby wombat Peggy developed a union after the pair, both orphans, shared a pouch at Wildlife Kilmore Rescue Centre near Melbourne, Australia. But reports say the marsupials enjoyed each other's company because they have similar movements and heartbeats.
- **Cat and squirrel.** Domestic cat Tito from Envigado, Colombia, seemed to have adopted baby squirrel Firulais by breast-feeding and caring for the creature. The cat's owner brought Firulais home after finding it alone and wounded on a tree branch.

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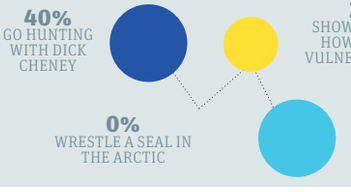

Twitter

@S_Locks: Memorial drive is a manhole cover death trap for you lowered friends. Avoid at all costs lol. #scrapedbad #dc2 #yyc

@MichaelBurak: Back in #yyc Love it here! I must say tho, #scuba in Honduras definitely trumps the Glenmore Reservoir :)

@purplebrickroad: Learning that IHOP is coming to #yyc has been the best part of my day so far. #whatismylife

@popingay: I'm a little concerned ppl don't realize that your proximity to the cashier after you've ordered has no bearing on its speed. #yyc

@Steph_shelley: Will never understand #yyc weather.. Freeze my ass off this morning to sun tanning at lunch #allseasonsinoneday

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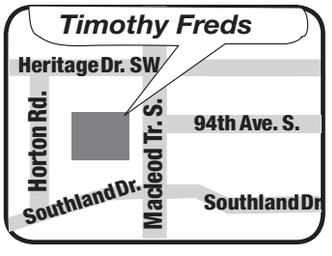

Seven Psychopaths promises to be plenty of fun. HANDOUT

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Goodbye summer, hello Oscar season

Fall fare. The Reel Guys talk about their picks for school season — from critical darlings to plain old trashy fun

Richard: Mark, the fall season brings with it the usual number of Oscar bait movies, but one that I am excited to see probably won't win any gold unless they give it an award for kicking butt. The Man with the Iron Fists is a homage to the kung fu movies I grew up with, and how can I not be intrigued by the cast which includes Lucy Liu, Russell Crowe and Wu-Tang Clan member RZA! What's grabbed your eye?

Mark: The Master, starring Phillip Seymour Hoffman as an L.Ron Hubbard-type leader of a cult much like Scientology. Probably no kung fu in it, but expect a lot of verbal sparring between Hoffman and his prize acolyte played by Joaquin Phoenix. And talk about eye candy, the previews for The Life of Pi, a book I could never get around to reading, look ravishing.

RC: The Life of Pi offers up beautiful looking images, but for me the movie most likely to make my eyeballs dance this fall is Frankenweenie. Tim Burton uses black-and-white stop motion to bring a story about a boy and his dead dog to vivid life. Can't wait. Also looking forward to Seven Psychopaths because any movie that stars both Christopher Walken and Tom Waits has to be all kinds of awesome.

MB: I'm with you on the Psychopaths, Richard. I loved director Martin McDonagh's last film, In Bruges, and the twisted showbiz plot of this one appeals to me. I could pretend I'm waiting anxiously for Spielberg's Lincoln biopic, or whatever kind of incomprehensibility Terrence Malick's new masterpiece may bring, but who am I kidding? What I'm really excited about is Taken 2. Liam Neeson kicking Central European butt! I hope it's exactly like the first one. In fact, I hope the dialogue is exactly the same, so I can mouth the words along with the actors onscreen.

RC: Not sure how those sitting around you would feel about that, but I hear you. The first Taken was great, trashy fun. I hope for more from the second one. I'm also hoping for slightly more elegant but still down-and-dirty action from Skyfall, the new James Bond flick. The coolest move in any trailer this year is Daniel Craig jumping from a speeding freight train to a dock, and then pausing, ever so slightly, to adjust his cufflinks before going on to cause more mayhem. It's suave, sexy and silly, everything I expect from 007.

MB: No one loves Bond movies more than me, but would it kill Daniel Craig to smile once in a while? He's Bond ... Grim Bond.

Synopsis

Their white pants, sandals and pool wear have all been packed away as the Reel Guys prepare for the cooler weather and Oscar and film festival season. As they unpack their sweaters, jackets and scarves they look ahead to the films they're excited to see as the leaves turn.

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On the web

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Star Trek actor George Takei unveils a musical inspired by time in a Japanese internment camp.

Three reasons to see Finding Nemo ... in 3D

Today, Disney once more digs into their vaults and pulls out a classic, rendering it in 3D — the 1999 Oscar-winning film Finding Nemo. Here's three highlights of Finding Nemo that have my two lads excited.

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The opening barracuda attack, tragic as it is, never fails to grip the lads. With fertile eggs and toothy fish flying off the screen, it might skirt traumatic (Nemo's mom meets her end here after all) but will no doubt be thrilling in 3D.

Similarly, when poor father Marlin and his pal Dory meet the hulking Bruce the Shark, a great white on a fish free diet, the scent of blood in the water makes the pseudo-noble shark snap and he goes ballistic trying to eat our heroes. I imagine much popcorn will be spilled as the boys try to dodge those 3D "jaws".

Finding Nemo is one funny flick. Case in point: The fab sequence in which Nemo's captor, a dentist, sticks him in an office tank filled with other assorted pretty fish and they all act as a Greek chorus while said dentist drills his patients into spitting, screaming fits.

Briefs

Michael Madsen in drunk driving investigation

Actor Michael Madsen was released from a hospital after being arrested for investigation of drunken driving on Pacific Coast Highway in Malibu, his attorney said Thursday.

Madsen, 54, best known for the Quentin Tarantino movies Reservoir Dogs and Kill Bill, had complained of an undisclosed medical problem following his arrest Wednesday and has since been released, said lawyer Perry Wander.

Madsen was arrested after driving erratically in a red Pontiac GTO. In a preliminary test, he had a blood alcohol level of 0.21, more than twice the legal limit of 0.08, said Steve Whitmore, a spokesman for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Wander said Madsen had been taking prescription drugs that could have resulted in a faulty sobriety test.

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Horror

Resident Evil: Retribution

Director. Paul W.S. Anderson

Stars. Milla Jovovich, Michelle Rodriguez

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While he is inarguably an ace stylist and orchestrator of action, director Paul Anderson isn't much of a writer. It's this latter factor that causes many a critic to dismiss his ongoing Resident Evil films as dross. But taken as visceral thrill rides they're rather brilliant. This fifth entry is a mind bending sensorial rush, with meticulous 3D photography, non-stop action and yet another astonishing physical performance from Anderson's wife, actress Milla Jovovich. The film is structured like the video games it was based on so forget the plot and don't go searching for Shakespearean exchanges of dialogue.

CHRIS ALEXANDER

Comedy

For A Good Time, Call...

Director. Jamie Travis

Stars. Lauren Miller, Ari Graynor

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Two New York girls feeling the financial squeeze start up a profitable phone-sex line in Jamie Travis' winning comedy, which is gross and affectionate in equal measure. It's like a Judd Apatow movie where the women are actually allowed to be funny, instead of frantic killjoys. Stars Lauren Miller and Ari Graynor have a lovely rapport and pull off snappy line readings and broad physical gags with aplomb; the plot is predictable but the cast's good vibes are contagious.

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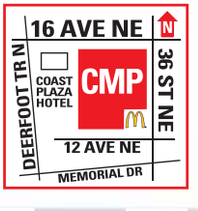

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Want to make your own feature film? Take a page from the book of Picnicface

Roller Town. Comedy troupe from Halifax raised funds in some unique ways — like selling space in the film credits

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Looking for money to make your very own feature film in Canada? Well, Halifax comedy troupe Picnicface has a few ideas.

"We had a fundraising campaign to get some money," admitted director Andrew Bush regarding Roller Town — the troupe's debut comedy, which hits theatres September 21.

"We were like 'hey, if you want your name in the credits, send us twenty bucks and you can have any title you want as long as its not a real title'."

Innovative if nothing else, the unorthodox strategy certainly helped create a budget — as well as create end credits that aren't only about "12 or 15 minutes" long but as funny the film itself.

"Some of (the credits) are so disgusting and terrifying," laughed Bush. "One guy even paid a thousand bucks to have a picture of himself in the movie and we put it in."

A zany spoof of the extremely brief fad of roller-skating films that occurred "between the summer of 1979 and the winter of 1979", Roller Town is a period tale about one roller-skating wizard who stands up to gangsters trying to ruin the rinks with the on-set of addictive video games.

"We got (the idea) from watching clips on You Tube," said Bush referring to discovering kitschy film clips from 1979's Skatetown USA and Roller Boogie.

"It's such a specific genre film that hasn't been touched on in this way."

Not unlike other comedy troupes such as Broken Lizard, Picnicface also heavily improvised the 1970s comedy which kept the film-making mostly stress free — even though it was shot in a whirlwind 17 days.

"It was a super fun movie to make," says Bush.

"As a director watching it, I was just letting the actors do their thing because they're so brilliant."

More on Bush

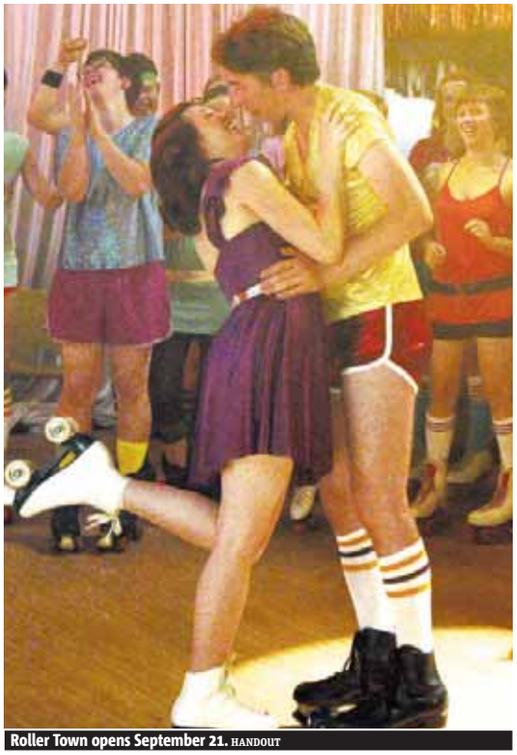
Director Andrew Bush talks more about his career

- **From writing for Canadian Idol to Feature Film.** "I had a great time on that show. (But) I learned that I don't really want to write for reality television, that's sort of what I learned."
- **On focusing on directing.** "No one else would do it," said Bush about directing the film and not starring in it. "We could've gotten someone else for the film but I just felt it would be the natural progression."

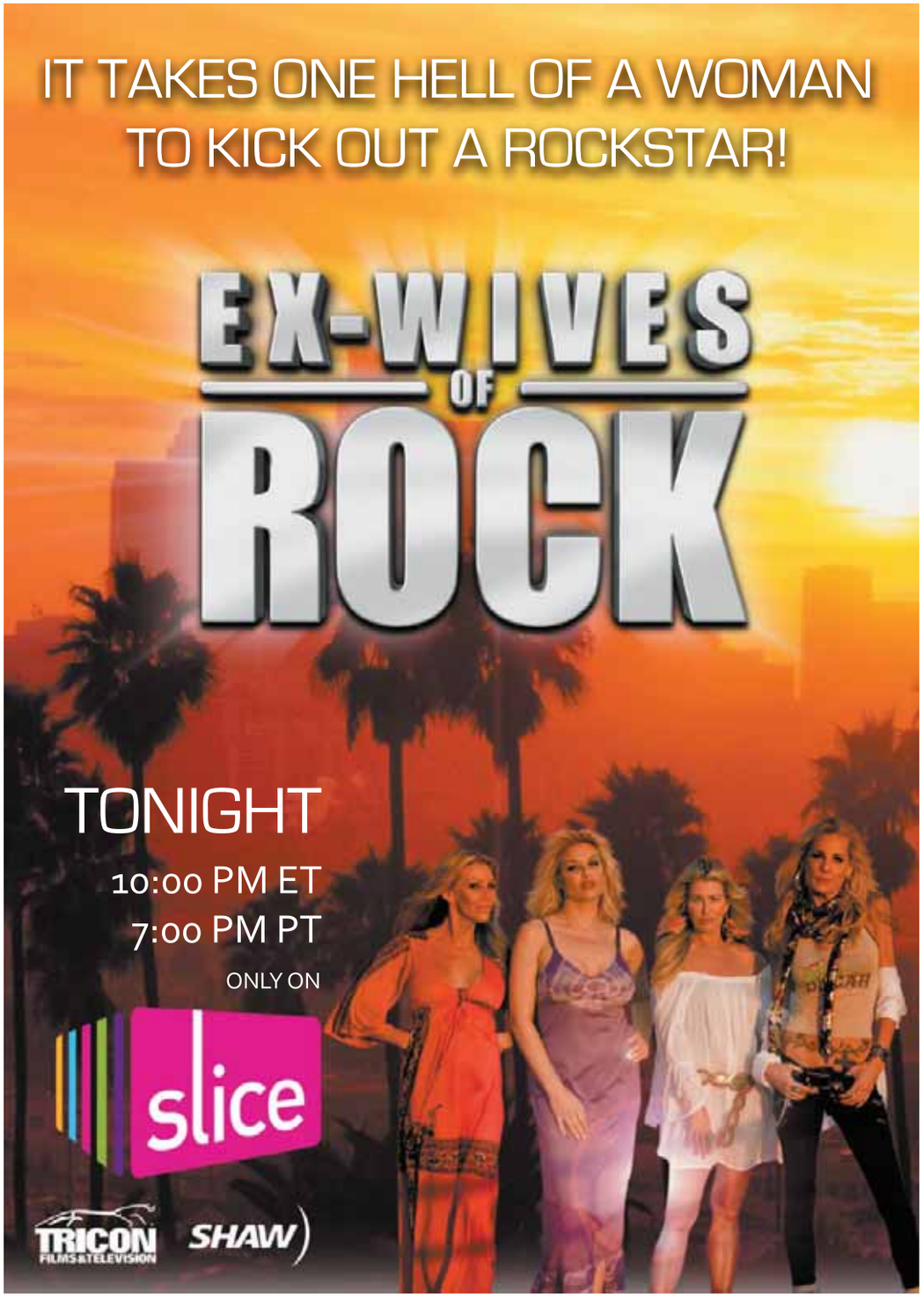
Quoted

"It was a super fun movie to make. As a director watching it, I was just letting the actors do their thing because they're so brilliant."

Roller Town director Andrew Bush



Roller Town opens September 21. HANDOUT



Are you ready to get scared this fall? Here's our film list

A helping of horror. As Halloween approaches, the studios put out their most frightful fare — here's what to expect this spooky season

HEIDI PATALANO
Metro World News in New York

Autumn is high season for the year's strongest horror film offerings and this year promises not to disappoint with a few franchise favourites and some gory new stories.

September

House at the End of the Street, September 21

Jennifer Lawrence sheds her plainspoken survival-girl persona from the Hunger Games for this horror film about the new kid in town who befriends a neighbour who is a bit more haunted by his sister's death than the average, run-of-the-mill mourner.

October

Sinister, October 5

Ethan Hawke stars in this spooky caper in which an author finds old 16 mm film in the attic of his new home that gives evidence of the family that was murdered in it years before. Their demise could soon spell his own.

Paranormal Activity 4, October 19

With the Saw franchise dead and buried — for now anyway — it's nice to know we can rely on another film to be made over and over again every year but with slight variations. Thank you, Paranormal Activity 4, for filling that empty, haunted void?

Silent Hill: Revelation 3D, October 26

Stay with us here: this film is the sequel to one of the adaptations of the Playstation 2 game franchise of the same time.

The Silent Hill of the title is an alternative universe to which a young girl is drawn in order to learn about her disturbed past.

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Jennifer Lawrence stars in House at the End of the Street. HANDOUT

Comedy. For a sombre film season, there's lots of laughs to go around with autumn offerings

Here Comes the Boom October 12

If you enjoyed last summer's The Zookeeper (and seriously, shame on you if you did), then you are sure to love the next collaboration from filmmaker Frank Coraci and Adam Sandler's pal Kevin James.

The Big Wedding October 26

Robert DeNiro, Diane Keaton, Susan Sarandon and Robin Williams star in this comedy about divorcees (DeNiro and Keaton) who must pretend to be married in order to satisfy their son's future in-laws.

Fun Size October 26

It's not often that Halloween acts as the backdrop to anything other than a horror film, but this comedy starring Johnny Knoxville and Chelsea Handler shows what can go wrong at a Halloween party besides stabby mask-wearing freaks making an appearance.

HEIDI PATALANO

Here Comes the Boom. HANDOUT

We've had our fun all summer long with silly comic-book films, star-packed action movies and our fair share of mediocre comedies. As the weather gets cooler, the more serious-minded fare makes its way into the local cinema — but it's bringing along the next James Bond installment, some family flicks and a horror film or two.

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8 Flicks to see

1 Trouble with the Curve

We're hoping everyone's over the now-infamous RNC empty chair incident once Clint Eastwood makes an appearance with this film about an aging baseball talent scout who takes his daughter on a last recruiting trip.

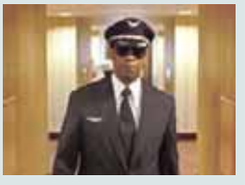
2 Killing Them Softly

Brad Pitt is already getting high praise for this thriller about an enforcer who investigates a heist that occurred during a mob-poker game.

3 Cloud Atlas

Eyeballs will explode and minds will be blown — so we hear — by this ambitious Wachowski Brothers adaptation of the multidimensional novel by David Mitchell. Tom Hanks and Halle Berry play several characters in the past, present and future.

4 Flight



Like an alternative universe scenario of Captain Chesley Sullenberger, this Robert Zemeckis film, starring Denzel Washington, centres on one pilot who saves his plane from disaster. Unfortunately for the hero, an investigation into the incident offers some damning evidence against him.

5 Life of Pi

Director Ang Lee may make his comeback after 2009's egregious dud, Taking Woodstock. This 3D adaptation of the 2001 book of the same name promises to be magical, mystical and loaded with exotic animals behaving strangely.

6 Lincoln

Daniel Day-Lewis, Spielberg and Sally Field? Wrap it up, we'll take it. This look at the 16th president's struggle to negotiate the 13th amendment to the U.S. Constitution is all but guaranteed a few award nods later in the year.

7 Seven Psychopaths

From Martin McDonagh, the man who brought us In Bruges, comes a quirky ensemble comedy about a part-time dog thief who swipes the wrong shih-tzu from a psychotic gangster played by Woody Harrelson.

8 Argo

Ben Affleck solidifies his status as a top-flight Hollywood director with his third film behind the camera, this one centering on a CIA "exfiltration" specialist who plans to free six Americans in hiding during the 1979 Iran hostage crisis.

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The fall movie season isn't only about high-minded awards-bait. James Bond and a few very able heroic counterparts will be blasting their way through the chilly months as well.

Dredd 3-D, Sept. 21
Like any other film set in the future, this take on the comic book Judge Dredd finds us in an irradiated nightmare wherein the police force acts as judge, jury and executioner?

Taken 2, Oct. 5
Liam Neeson is going on an awfully long streak of playing bad-ass rebels who make no apologies — and we're glad to welcome another instalment to that series, this time with a sequel to his 2008 Luc Besson film.

Skyfall, Nov. 9
The world has been waiting for this 23rd Bond film for quite some time, with only the announcement of Bond girl Naomie Harris as a quantum of solace (sorry, couldn't help it). Javier Bardem serves as 007's nemesis and Sam Mendes directs. Daniel Craig, of course, continues his reign as the smoldering spy.

Red Dawn, Nov. 21
Could a bunch of teenagers defend their small Washington hometown from an invasion of the North Korean military? Chris Hemsworth, Josh Hutcherson and Jeffrey Dean Morgan will help us find out.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Honorable mentions from this fall's crop

Outside looking in.
These films aren't on the inside track for 2012 awards but they are making waves for their outstanding performances

While these films didn't quite make the critics' short list for must-see movies, there's plenty of thought-provoking filmmaking here that could make some waves with audiences.

Arbitrage, Sept. 21
Richard Gere stars in this complex film about a hedge fund magnate who finds himself beholden to an unlikely person while trying to offload his trading empire.

End of Watch, Sept. 21
Jake Gyllenhaal and Michael Pena star as two young police officers who get themselves tangled up with a gang-related drug ring and subsequently become the marked men.

Looper, Sept. 28
Joseph Gordon-Levitt takes on the ungainly task of playing a young Bruce Willis — prosthetic forehead and all —in this sci-fi action film about a future in which an assassin must go into his past to kill his younger self.

Won't Back Down, Sept. 28
Let's get all "power to the people" with this uplifting David and Goliath story about two mothers (Viola Davis and Maggie Gyllenhaal) who band together to make changes in their local inner-city schools.

Nicole Kidman stars in The Paperboy, which opens Oct. 5. HANDOUT

The Paperboy, Oct. 5
All we keep hearing about this film is a strange Zac Efron/Nicole Kidman urination scene, but the story about a journalist (Matthew McConaughey) investigating a wrongful conviction with his brother (Efron) and the inmate's girlfriend (Kidman) should prove to generate buzz in less scintillating respects.

Rust and Bone, Nov. 16
As lovely as Marion Cotillard was in The Dark Knight Rises, she's even more seductive speaking her native tongue in this French film about a young man who falls in love with a killer whale trainer, directed by Jacques Audiard.

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Films that celebrate the girls gone wild

Bachelorette. The trash-talking toughness of recent female-fronted movies shows a vulnerability felt by some women

HEIDI PATALANO
Metro World News in New York

Kirsten Dunst, Lizzy Caplan and Isla Fisher all star in Bachelorette.
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Though getting its theatrical release a year after the arrival of Bridesmaids, Bachelorette — starring Kirsten Dunst, Lizzy Caplan and Isla Fischer — was first a stage play, written by Leslye Headland well before the release of Kristen Wiig's smash hit.

But the fact that two recent movies deal with begrudgingly single women who booze their way to the altar in support of a happy friend might be saying something about the moment young ladies are having today.

Playing a character in Bachelorette who sleeps around, mocks the bride and brings a bottle of baby powder loaded with cocaine to the festivities, Lizzy Caplan understands what could be at the root of all the bad bridesmaid behaviour, in her character's case at least.

"I think all of our (characters') little attitudes and tricks worked really well for us as a clique in high school, and none of that seems to be helping us at all in our adult lives, and yet we keep going back to that same well hoping, 'I stand to regain that success and popularity that we enjoyed in high school,'" Caplan says.

"I love my character because what I see in her is not this trash-talking, slutty facade that she presents to the world; I see more of this scared (little girl), very vulnerable and very incapable of showing real emotions or dealing with her feelings."

As with any film that shoots a bachelorette party, there is the inevitable stripper scene. We asked the veteran comedy actress to weigh in on which traditional hen party staples she approves of.

"The bachelorette parties that I've been a part of, we incorporate that stuff. But I don't exactly run with a crowd that a penis straw would really freak them out. (Like), 'We're being so wild tonight!'

"I don't think that's really gonna shock many of my friends," she says with a laugh.

"I am pro-stripper because I really enjoy an uncomfortable situation. And without fail, after the first initial shock of a surprise stripper, it's just uncomfortable — and I get a huge kick out of that."

On the web...

- **Bachelorette.** Is available now through iTunes.

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TV celebs on travel, fires, kids and group therapy

Trivial pursuit. Metro recently got the opportunity to ask the stars of a few new Global TV shows some questions

JOHN CHO — GO ON

Which figure (alive or dead) would you want to be in group therapy with?
I'm going to go with John Lennon. Over the years, I've done so much wondering about him while listening to his music. Maybe it'll make the listening in the second half of my life more interesting.

What is your favourite Canadian travel destination?
With all due respect to Toronto, which is a grand city, I love Montreal. It's beautiful, full of friendly French speakers, and I had a lot of delicious meals (many at midnight – another plus). I was there during the film festival, and every night they projected a movie so that everyone could watch while sitting on the steps of the art museum, eating to-go sushi and drinking wine. I like how they live.

DAVID EIGENBERG — CHICAGO FIRE

If your house was burning, what are the five keepsakes you would try to save?
Our son, my wife, the first dog and second dog. Whatever the fifth thing is, I don't need it.

JESSE BRADFORD — GUYS WITH KIDS

What should every dad carry with them?
I'm not a real dad, but I play one on TV. So I have literally no idea.

What do dads do better than moms?
Drink?

What is your favourite Canadian travel memory?
I shot a movie called Far From Home all over Southwestern Canada: Vancouver, Hope, Vancouver Island. My best memory is the weeks I spent in the temperate rainforest in Tofino. BEAUTIFUL! Saw trees the diameter of a small house that were saplings when Columbus landed.

John Cho of Go On. HANDOUT

David Eigenberg of Chicago Fire. GETTY IMAGES

Jesse Bradford of Guys with Kids HANDOUT

Global — when to watch

Go On premiered on Tuesday. The second episode will air Tuesday, September 18 at 9 p.m. ET/PT. It will move to its regular Wednesday night rotation at 9 p.m. ET/PT beginning September 26.

- Guys with Kids also premiered on Tuesday. The second episode will air Tuesday, September 18 at 9:30 p.m. ET/PT. It will move to its regular Wednesday night rotation at 9:30 p.m. ET/PT beginning September 26.
- The Chicago Fire series premiere will air Wednesday, October 10 at 10 p.m. ET/PT.

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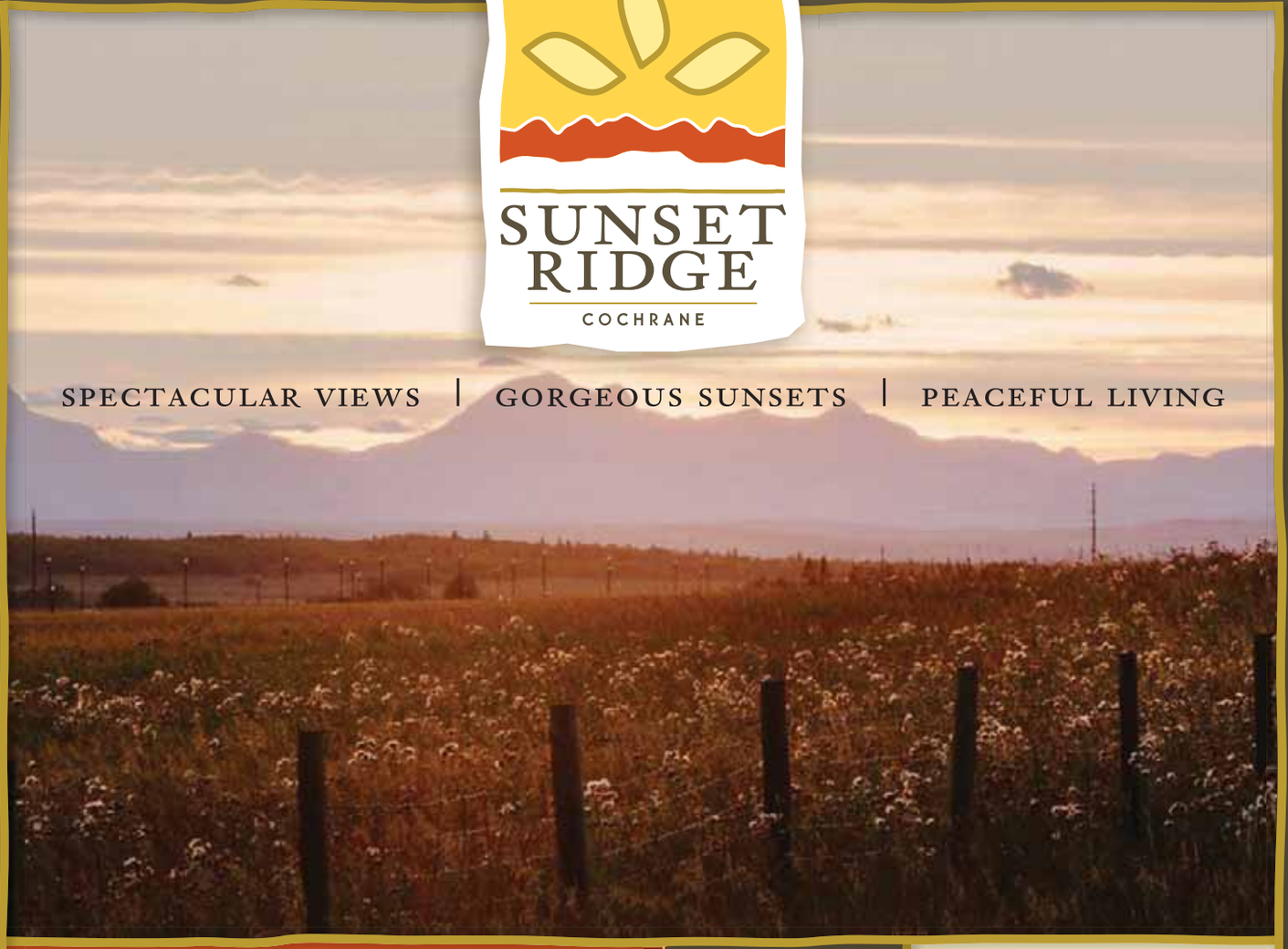

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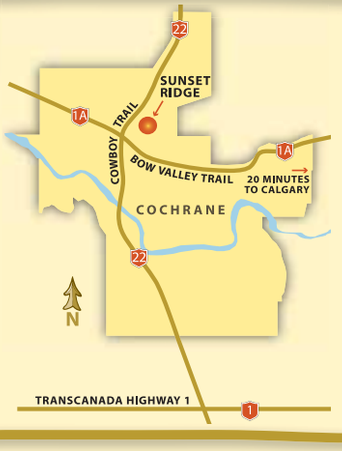

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Canadian concert dates to mark down

Music shows. Check out some of these massive shows that are coming north of the border and will be sure to attract major attention

PAT HEALEY
Metro World News

There are some great concerts coming Canada's way soon. Find out which ones are the shows to see this fall.

Peter Gabriel
Next month Peter Gabriel will release a huge 25th anniversary edition of his breakthrough 1986 album, So.

The Back to Front tour promises to deliver what its title suggests.
Sept. 18, Bell Centre, Montreal
Sept. 19, Air Canada Centre, Toronto

Gotye
The Somebody That I Used To Know singer continues his bid to not be somebody that you used to know just from his one hit Somebody That I Used To Know.
Sept. 20, Molson Canadian Amphitheatre, Toronto
Sept. 21, Jacques Cartier Pier, Montreal

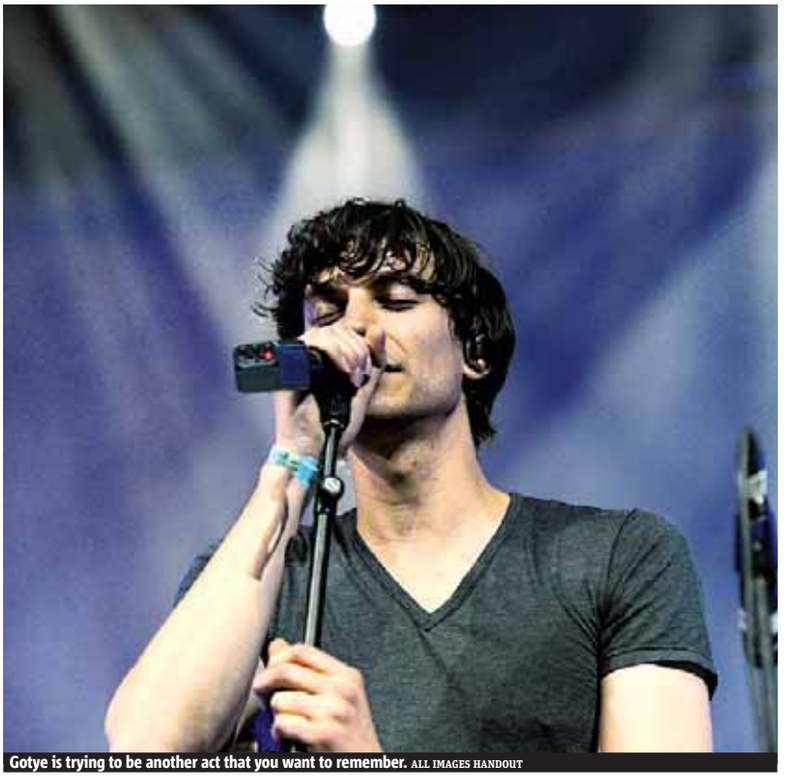
David Byrne with St. Vincent
David Byrne kind of owned Love This Giant, the collaborative album he just released with St. Vincent. But the dude is a giant of sorts, having helped give birth to America's new wave movement in the late 1970s.
Sept. 20, Queen Elizabeth Theatre, Toronto
Sept. 21, Eglise St. Jean Baptiste, Montreal
Oct. 20, Centre for Performing Arts, Vancouver

A$AP Rocky
Promoting his eagerly anticipated LongLiveA$AP album, which wasn't quite eagerly anticipated enough to merit placement in our fall albums section, the 23-year-old rapper does put on an impressive show.
Sept. 30, Metropolis, Montreal
Oct. 2, Sound Academy, Toronto
Oct. 20, The Vogue, Vancouver

Jack White
Will he have his female backing band with him, or his male backing band? Who knows and who cares? What White's gender experiment has proven is that it doesn't matter what chromosomes you have as long as you can rock.
Oct. 2, Olympia de Montreal, Montreal
Oct. 3-4, Sony Centre For The Performing Arts, Toronto

Alabama Shakes
They tore up SXSW earlier this year and hurriedly toured small clubs in the weeks following. This bluesy rock band blew everybody away who went to those shows and all of those people told all their friends about it.
Oct. 2, Kool Haus, Toronto

Dispatch
Dispatch were once a jammy Boston band that seemed like a fluke success story. But now with a brand new album, Circles Around the Sun they appear to be in it to win it again.
Sept. 20, Commodore Ballroom, Vancouver
Oct. 8, Sound Academy, Toronto



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Great albums are dropping like leaves this fall, so be sure to pick them all up

Music review. Check out this lineup of what is coming up this season and the big name offerings that will delight your ears

PAT HEALY
Metro World News

Green Day is back with a new album coming out on Sept. 25. ALL PHOTOS HANDOUT

Carly Rae Jepsen's new album is out on Sept.18.

50 Cent's Street King Immortal is being released Nov. 13.

If summer didn't bring you the music you needed, fall is shaping up to be full of blockbusters.

SEPT. 18
G.O.O.D. Music
Cruel Summer
"Ain't nobody fresher than my mother f—ing clique" raps Big Sean on one of the 12 tracks on Kanye West's latest collaborative project. And he's right. In addition to Big Sean, 'Ye corralled longtime pals like Jay-Z and Pusha T, younger artists like Teyana Taylor and CyHi the Prynce as well as hall of famers like R. Kelly and Ghostface Killah. Thankfully, Cruel Summer will arrive while summer is still here.

The Killers
Battle Born
A few years ago when critics started likening The Killers' second album to Bruce Springsteen, the comparison seemed a little bit like grasping at straws, but it seems like in the four years since their last studio album, the band must have said, 'Hey, maybe we should listen to that guy that everybody compared us to.' There's plenty of blonde hair blowin' in the summer wind and drivin' in my daddy's car here, but fortunately Brandon Flowers and crew put their own glitzy spin on what they sonically borrow from the synth-heavy notions of Born in the U.S.A. -era Boss.

P!NK
The Truth About Love
Yes, P!NK has been combining kiss-off anthems with double-entendres since day one, but instead of recycling the same thing over and over, it seems more like she has been working her whole career towards this. Tempering her usual aggression are fun collaborations (with Eminem, Lily Allen and fun singer Nate Reuss) and songs that actually sound happy. Well, as happy as P!nk can be, singing lines like, "I hate you so much, it must be love."

Carly Rae Jepsen
Kiss
While skeptics may be eager to dismiss Carly Rae Jepsen as a one-hit-wonder, they should take into consideration what a huge hit Call Me Maybe was. Before she came into your life you missed her so bad, you missed her so, so bad. See? The song is so in your head right now. With the knack for a pop melody she has thus far clearly demonstrated, how could CRJ not have a few more tunes that are that catchy?

SEPT. 25
Green Day
¡UNO!
After an absurdly prolific winter, Green Day had enough material for three separate albums, so instead of paring down that material they'll just go on ahead and release three separate albums, (appropriately titled ¡UNO! ¡DOS! and ¡TRÉ!) every other month through January.

Singer Billie Joe Armstrong's face is on the cover of this album, and album two and three will feature the faces of bassist Mike Dirnt and drummer Tré Cool (¡TRÉ!, get it?) but that doesn't mean any of these are solo albums.

Unlike the past two Green Day releases, there's not even a lofty concept running through these albums either: And judging from the four singles that have already been released, this is the type of classic straight-ahead punk pop that put the band on the map almost 20 years ago.

No Doubt
Push and Shove
As far as long lapses between albums go, No Doubt's sixth studio album is up there with Chinese Democracy and Detox, coming 11 years after its predecessor, 2001's Rock Steady.

Judging from the first two tunes to emerge (both the 6-minute Settle Down and the title track are almost like an open letter to Santigold, saying, 'Hey baby, we were here first') this album will be more worth the wait than the Guns N' Roses album that took 14 years to make.

Mumford & Sons
Babel
Coming three years after their 2009 debut, this British band's new single I Will Wait proves that they have waited until they were ready to release their best possible material. The Mumfords are more than just some novelty conjurers of old timey songs, but a group who has the ability to mine lush layers of harmonies to make timeless uplifting tunes.

OCT. 9
Ellie Goulding
Halcyon
Her 2010 song Lights may have been the biggest sleeper hit of … well, 2012. That is indeed a sleeper hit. With her second album, the world is finally ready for this British singer, who we should point out, began dating Skrillex in the time since releasing her debut.

Though he doesn't have any production credits on the album, the bond is just a hint at her willingness to go on sonic adventures.

If that's the hint though, single Anything Could Happen is the promise.

OCT. 22
Taylor Swift
Red
Last week's stunning performance of the new song Ronan at the Stand Up To Cancer fundraiser may have been the most emotional song that Taylor Swift has ever written. That song is reportedly not on the upcoming album. If she's able to discard songs that good, we can't wait to hear the ones that did make the cut.

OCT. 23
Titus Andronicus
Local Business
Their last release was a concept album about the Civil War, and if you didn't hear it and this sounds especially dorky to you, it actually rocked. But this one promises to rock even more, with the band writing on their Tumblr: "Local Business is of the earth. Titus Andronicus the studious recording project and Titus Andronicus the raucous touring machine are no longer two distinct beings; there is only Titus Andronicus, rock and roll band."

Hell yeah!

NOV. 6
Aerosmith
Music From Another Dimension
And in the category of America's greatest rock 'n' roll band with all original members still living, the winner is… Aerosmith. This album makes the list primarily because of its audacious title. Do Aerosmith have what it takes to make music from another dimension? We'll see.

50 Cent
Street King Immortal
Remember when Kanye and 50 released an album on the same day and each of them said that they would retire if their album didn't perform as well as the other's?

Well, Curtis didn't do as well as Graduation but thankfully Mr. Curtis Jackson did not retire. In fact, with his fifth album, he has brought in enough guest stars that it almost seems like he's trying to compete with Cruel Summer for sheer group effort.

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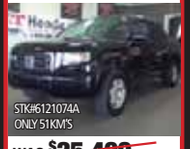

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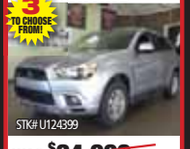

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Fourth-quarter tunes

SOUND CHECK
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The summer was pretty dry for big-name releases because the labels are holding back for the all-important fourth-quarter. Here are three records coming Tuesday for which there are high hopes.

On the web

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Breezeblocks/ Alt-J

This "folk-step" band from the U.K. is favoured to win the Mercury Music Prize in November. Their debut album, An Awesome Wave, finally gets a North American release next week.

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Outsider Art/ Gallows

Another British band but now with Canadian (and ex-Alexisonfire guitarist) Wade McNeil on vocals. I'm pulling for these guys. The album is self-titled.

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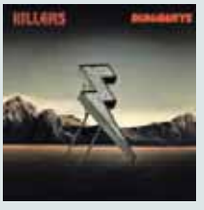

Runaways/The Killers

First single from the Killers fourth album. Their label is hoping that Battle Born will be a monster. This track was produced by both Brendan O'Brien and Steve Lillywhite.

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Kentucky

Former Grateful Dead drummer wanted by police

Police in Kentucky have a warrant for the arrest of former Grateful Dead drummer Mickey Hart stemming from an alleged assault after a recent show.

Harrodsburg Police Lt. Chad Powell told The Associated Press on Thursday that the warrant stems from an incident Saturday after a performance by the Mickey Hart Band at Terrapin Hill Farm in Harrodsburg.

Powell says that the investigation is ongoing and that the paperwork could not be released.

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New Orleans

Jewel raising cancer awareness

Singer-songwriter Jewel has penned numerous lyrics empowering women after heartbreak and loss, and now she hopes to do the same for breast cancer survivors.

Jewel's latest song, Flower, was written to raise awareness about the importance of breast reconstruction options for breast cancer survivors. The singer is heading to New Orleans next month for a benefit concert for the cause. Proceeds from online downloads of Flower and her Oct. 29 concert will go toward breast reconstruction-related research.

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DVD

Led Zepplin puts on a Celebration reunion

Led Zeppelin is coming to a movie theatre near you. Then a record store.

The iconic British rock 'n' roll band will release its 2007 Celebration Day reunion as a concert film on Oct. 13, then will put out the show on multiple video and audio formats on Nov. 19.

Original members Robert Plant, John Paul Jones and Jimmy Page were joined onstage by Jason Bonham, son of the late drummer John Bonham, for the tribute to Atlantic Records founder Ahmet Ertegun.

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Better late than never: The lost tales of the Trainspotting boys

Heroin days revisited. Irvine Welsh's Skagboys is a prequel to popular 1993 book

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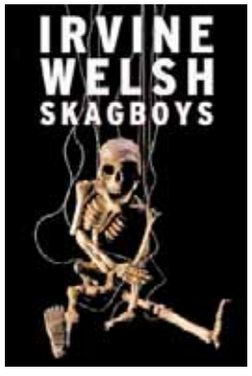

Scottish author Irvine Welsh puts his feet up. GETTY IMAGES

Describing himself as "pretty itinerant," Irvine Welsh rattles off the list of cities that he's called, to some degree, home: Edinburgh, Amsterdam, London, Manchester, Dublin, San Francisco. The Scottish author has settled down a bit in recent years, which gave him the opportunity to unpack a few old boxes, one of which contained 100,000 words he'd cut from Trainspotting.

The result is Skagboys, the new prequel that depicts the lives of Renton, Sick Boy, Spud and Begbie before and during their slide into the heroin addiction and other bad behaviour memorialized in Welsh's first novel.

The new book was written with nearly two decades' perspective.

"In some ways it's really good because you've got this distance and wisdom about it all," Welsh says.

"On the other hand, it's not right in your face. This is kind of a hybrid of the two because a lot of the stuff was actually written at that time, so I had the advantage of being right in the heart of it all and then getting to take a 20-year break and look back at it."

Much of that perspective is on Thatcherism and other elements of British political culture in the early '80s, which play a role in the characters' addictions.

"I wanted to write about how the changes in the society influenced peoples' lives in Trainspotting, but it seemed to be a bit rambling," Welsh recalls.

"I don't think I had the experience and the writing chops to do that at the time. Getting to go back and look at the bigger picture satisfied that and satisfied my urge to work with these characters again."

Books

Santana memoir coming soon

Carlos Santana is ready for the ultimate riff: a memoir. The Grammy-winning superstar has an agreement with Little, Brown and Co. to tell his life story. The publisher, a division of Hachette Book Group, announced Thursday that the book is scheduled for release in 2014. It doesn't yet have a title. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Clive Davis to release autobiography

Music mogul Clive Davis will release an autobiography in February that will include "the excitements, the disappointments and the triumphs" of his career.

The untitled book will be written with music journalist Anthony DeCurtis. A news release says it will include "never-before-heard tales" about Davis' work with acts like Whitney Houston, John Lennon, Bruce Springsteen, Janis Joplin and Bob Dylan. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pill's sexting problems

Alison Pill is suffering some major embarrassment after accidentally tweeting a topless photo of herself.

It's believed the picture was intended for her fiancé, actor Jay Baruchel, but instead went out to her 14,000 followers.

She quickly deleted the post.

"Yep. That picture happened. Ugh. My tech issues have now reached new heights, apparently. How a deletion turned into a tweet... Apologies," she tweeted.

Hot new couple alert

Zachary Quinto

Zachary Quinto is opening up about his relationship with Glee actor Jonathan Groff, telling Out magazine, "I'm incredibly happy."

Quinto says he's feeling especially good about being in a relationship following the death of his father. "I had to do a lot of work on the couch to really get to a place where I was able to show up to a relationship with someone who was actually capable of being in one — and that took a lot of trial and error," he says.

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The Word

A downward spiral for Amanda Bynes

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Amanda Bynes is apparently refusing rehab, according to RadarOnline.com. The website reports her friends are worried she's "not in touch with reality," as if there is anyone in Hollywood who is in touch with reality.

Still, this story gives me a touch of the sads.

The 26-year-old was charged last week with two hit-and-run charges and was arrested on April 6 for a DUI. On Thursday, TMZ.com posted pictures of the actress driving aimlessly around L.A. on a suspended license and smoking what appears to be pot from behind the wheel.

"Amanda is refusing to go to rehab or seek any form of psychiatric treatment or diagnosis. It's clear something is up with her," a close pal exclusively told RadarOnline.

"She has been told by her agent and her dad Rick that she has substance abuse issues and needs to get help. She's a lost little girl right now. Amanda's completely gone off the grid. She won't speak with her manager, her agent, her publicist; she's not returning anybody's phone calls," the source said.

An actress who won't speak with her agent or her publicist?

In Hollywood, there's no worse indication that something bad is going down.

Lindsay Lohan. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Trouble on the set for Lohan?

Lindsay Lohan is reportedly playing sick as a means to get out of being in Scary Movie 5 after deciding the script makes fun of her too much, insisting that she has walking pneumonia, according to Page Six.

"Lindsay missed every meeting she had for the film, including script reads and wardrobe meetings," a source says.

"Then she missed her flight to Atlanta on Sunday to shoot the movie. The producers had been getting signs Friday that she was a mess, and would not be fit to work."

But Lohan's camp insists there's nothing fishy going on.

"Lindsay is fulfilling all of her obligations for the film," rep Steve Honig says.

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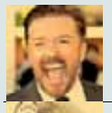
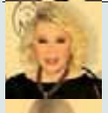


@rickygervais
Since when did jokes start being taken as the teller's true beliefs? Surely if that were the case, you wouldn't be joking.



@Joan_Rivers
Fashion Week tip: When your boobs drop, your fashion style MUST evolve. For example, I just started wearing an Uggs brassiere.

@taylorswift13
Drinking a pumpkin spice latte. Just realized 70% of my tweets are food or cat related.

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Concerned we're in a time where politicians can't even fake sincerity. Aren't they supposed to be good at that?

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1. Preheat the oven to 350 F. Lightly coat a 12-cup muffin tin with cooking spray.

2. In a small bowl, combine the crumbs, 1 tbsp water and oil until mixed. Divide and pat into the bottom of the muffin tins.

3. In a small bowl, combine the chocolate chips, 2 tbsp hot water and coffee. Microwave for 40 seconds on High or just until the chocolate begins to melt. Stir until smooth.

4. In the bowl of a food processor, add the sugar, cocoa powder, flour, cream cheese, eggs, sour cream, corn syrup and vanilla. Purée until smooth. Add the chocolate mixture and purée until smooth.

5. Divide among the muffin cups and bake for 12 to 14 minutes or just until the centers are still slightly loose. Cool and chill at least 2 hours before serving. Carefully remove from the tin with a knife. Decorate with icing sugar. ROSE REISMAN'S FAMILY FAVORITES (WHITECAP BOOKS)

Ingredients

Start to finish: 27 minutes

- 1 cup chocolate wafer crumbs
- 1 tbsp water
- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 2 tbsp semisweet chocolate chips
- 2 tbsp hot water
- 1 tsp instant coffee
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup cocoa powder
- 2 tbsp all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup + 1 tbsp light cream cheese (about 2.5 oz), softened
- 2 large eggs
- 1/4 cup low-fat sour cream
- 3 tbsp corn syrup
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- icing sugar (to decorate)

This recipe makes 12 mini Mud Pies. RYAN SZULC, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S FAMILY FAVORITES (WHITECAP BOOKS)

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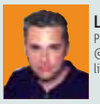
Liquid Assets

A berry good mate for chocolate



LIQUID ASSETS
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Though a diehard foodie at heart, I've never been that big on desserts.

It's not that I don't take a bite of workplace birthday cake now and then or dip a spoon into someone else's indulgence to experience the decadence — I just prefer to find my extra calories in a glass.

Never a true friend of white or red, chocolate's bitterness has made it a bit of a wine world pariah.

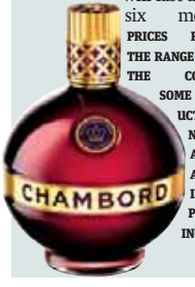
Sure, fortified port wines are a classic match, but that's about it, my friends.

Those of you old enough to remember the delicious addictive qualities in Hershey's Cherry Blossom (a cherry soaked in cherry juice wrapped in mocha) will attest that chocolate and ripe berry fruit taste insanely appealing together.

So for once, forget wine, — especially with anything called a Mud Pie.

Instead, reach for a berry-based liqueur. France's Chambord ($38.99 - $45.99) — a 17th century wonder named after the Loire Valley castle of the same name — is made with a mix of cognac and red and black raspberries that's the ideal mate for anything chocolaty.

Refrigerate it and a bottle will last at least six months.



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Nuit Blanche Calgary

Looking for late-night conversation, debate and dialogue in downtown Calgary? Nuit Blanche, a late-night international contemporary arts festival appealing to diverse, adventurous audiences, is taking over Calgary's Olympic Plaza on Saturday. Held worldwide since 1997 in Toronto, Paris, Halifax and other cities, these festivals literally transform urban spaces into full-scale civic art galleries. All performances are inclusive, playful and geared toward a mass, all-ages audience. nuitblanchecalgary.ca

Alberta Ballet: Great Masterpieces of the 20th Century

The season opener of the Alberta Ballet will take audiences to New York City, through pieces choreographed during ballet's golden age, through Saturday. Enjoy the music of Mozart and Philip Glass, and experience the genius that came from New York in the 20th century. This show features Divertimento No. 15 and The Four Temperaments, choreographed by George Balanchine and Emmy and Tony Award-winning choreographer Twyla Tharp. albertaballet.com

Now Open: Anejo

The hottest place to open in Mission recently, Anejo (#2, 2116 – 4th St SW) brings you great fresh and authentic Mexican food with a modern twist, and the best (and most well-researched) tequila list in Calgary. The beautiful and contemporary Mexican-inspired room is the perfect backdrop to indulge in classics such as fresh ceiche and tacos pastore. anejo.ca.

Calgary Electronic Music Festival

This two-day festival this Friday and Saturday at Shaw Millennium Park is an inner city celebration of electronic culture. Enjoy three DJ stages and great headliners performing various spectrums of electronic music. Don't forget to check out the beat drop music classes and speakers corner while there. cemf.stillfirestudios.com.

Calgary Improv Festival

Looking for laughs? Look no further than the Calgary Improv Festival, taking place at various Calgary locations including the Improv Depot, Lunchbox Theatre and the Epcor Centre for the Performing Arts. Hosted by The Improv Guild, the cast will also include L.A. Improv, Patti Stiles and Mr. Colin Mochrie. Sept. 17-23. calgaryimprovfestival.com.

Annual Feast of Fields

Interested in supporting local food producers and processors? Join more than 20 restaurants, 20 producers and 10 beverage purveyors for a delicious afternoon of grazing, sipping and conviviality in the beautiful, historic garden at ROUGE (1240 8 Ave SE) on Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Purchase your tickets through The Cookbook Company (403-265-6066).

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Foraging for delicacies becoming more popular among chefs, foodies

Wild foods. Want to add an earthy touch to your next meal? It may lead you to a forest

Foods of the forest are popping up in fine dining. CHRIS YOUNG/ THE CANADIAN PRESS

The foods of forests, meadows and streams that sustained Canada's native population centuries ago are now being featured in some of the finest restaurants in the country.

Some might be expected, such as nuts, berries, wild mushrooms, fiddleheads and ramps (wild leeks), but others are usually considered weeds, like Queen Anne's lace (wild carrot), milkweed pods, burdock roots and cattail hearts.

When Jonathan Forbes of Forbes Wild Foods in Toronto first approached chefs with foods foraged in rural Ontario, some showed immediate interest, he says. Others turned him away, saying his products were "too exotic."

As a child, Forbes gathered wild raspberries and mushrooms with his mother. His interest was rekindled as an adult when he told a story about picking chokecherries and his listeners hadn't heard of them.

"I thought, 'It's serious when people don't know what their natural environment is,' especially things like chokecherries. They're everywhere."

He started his company in 1998 and has people who forage for him "from Haida Gwaii (the Queen Charlotte Islands of British Columbia) to Labrador" and into the far north.

He gets some fresh, some dried and some frozen and sells to restaurants around the world, consumers online and Toronto-area farmers markets.

Since he began, interest in foraged foods "has grown a lot," he says. It started mainly with chefs and foodies when the move to slow food expanded to indigenous food. Now that more foraged foods are available, interest among the public is growing.

"When I first brought puffballs (basketball-sized mushrooms) to market 10 years ago, people looked at them and wondered whether you could really eat that thing," Forbes says. "Now they line up."

High-profile Canadian chef Brad Long regularly includes foraged items on his menu at Cafe Belong at Evergreen Brick Works in Toronto.

For example, he uses little bits of Queen Anne's lace flowers in salads — "very intense" — or boiled with sugar to make a hard candy, wild nuts and ricotta cheese to make ravioli, cooked greens and roots as vegetables or birch syrup as a sweetener.

"There's a lot of food here that most people have no concept even exists," Long says.

Foraging is hard work and there's "also a lot of danger in it," Long says. Many types of wild mushrooms are poisonous, as are many other plants or parts of plants. The leaves of marsh marigolds, for example, cannot be eaten until they have been boiled in several changes of water to remove the toxins. Unripe elderberries and all other parts of the plant except the flowers contain toxins that metabolize into cyanide. Probably the safest way for consumers to access foraged food is to buy it. But Long and Forbes say for those wanting to try it, it is absolutely essential to first educate themselves about plants, what is edible, what is not and how to prepare them to make them safe to eat

"Wild food is pretty pure. It's more organic than organic," Forbes says.

"There's a special feeling when you cook a meal for friends or family," Long says. "It becomes exponential when you forage for food to cook the meal. It's just that much more intense, that much more connected to the land around you."

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The original organic

"Wild food is pretty pure. It's more organic than organic."

Jonathan Forbes of Wild Foods
on the benefits of eating foraged foods.

Using foraged food

You have to know what you're doing to gather and use foraged foods. Here are tips from wildfoods.ca

- **Black walnuts.** After removing the outer green coat, wash them and set them aside to dry for about two months before cracking the shells. During this time, the meat will separate somewhat from the shell.
- **Milkweed pods.** Pick them when they're young. They must be boiled, with at least one change of water, to get rid of the milky liquid they exude. They can be served hot as a vegetable or pickled.
- **Ox-eye daisy capers.** These can be preserved in a light marinade and added to salad, used as a condiment with fish or stuffed in chicken breast.
- **Cattail hearts.** They are harvested in the late spring by snapping the stalk off the root, then cutting and trimming them like a leek. They are similar to hearts of palm but smaller, tenderer, and a lot tastier. They can be eaten by themselves as an appetizer, in a salad, in a soup or sauce or bundled in a roll of ham and cheese and toasted.

MLB

Encarnacion hits 40-homer, 100-RBI marks in Jays' win over Mariners

Edwin Encarnacion and Adam Lind homered while Henderson Alvarez pitched seven effective innings as the Toronto Blue Jays defeated the Seattle Mariners 8-3 on Thursday night.

Encarnacion reached two plateaus when he launched a three-run shot off Mariners starter Felix Hernandez. It was his 40th homer of the season and it sent him over the 100-RBI mark.

The blast to deep left-centre field capped a five-run fourth inning that broke the game open. Lind gave Toronto the early lead with a two-run shot — his 10th homer of the year — in the first inning.

Alvarez (9-12) gave up five hits and three earned runs. Relievers Brad Lincoln and Aaron Loup worked an inning apiece as the Blue Jays salvaged the finale of the three-game set in front of 13,756 fans at Rogers Centre.

Jeff Mathis had four of Toronto's 13 hits. Seattle had seven hits.

Hernandez (13-8) allowed 10 hits and seven earned runs over four innings.

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Edwin Encarnacion crosses home plate after hitting his 40th home run of 2012 on Thursday in Toronto. GETTY IMAGES

NHL commissioner Gary Bettman speaks to reporters in New York on Thursday. MARY ALTAFFER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sidney Crosby answers a question during a news conference on Thursday in New York. MARY ALTAFFER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bettman on lockout: 'I feel terrible about it'

NHL. Commissioner shows emotion in defending league stance: No deal, no season

Darkness is about to descend on the National Hockey League.

Again.

Reiterating that the season won't start until there is a new collective bargaining agreement, commissioner Gary Bettman offered an impassioned defence of the league's stance Thursday as it headed toward its fourth work stoppage in 20 years.

"Listen, nobody wants to make a deal and play hockey more than I do, OK?" he said during a news conference. "This is what I do. This is what my life is about in terms of how I spend most of my waking hours. This is really hard.

Quoted

"If you have a non-biased opinion, you look at the facts, I think our mindset and the direction we're going is one that seems like it's a little bit more fair for both sides."

Penguins superstar Sidney Crosby

"And so you only get involved in this situation when you understand what the issues are and you know you're doing the right thing for the long-term stability of our game and our sport. This is very hard and I feel terrible about it."

No one is holding out hope that an 11th-hour deal will be struck before the CBA expires Saturday at midnight. Both Bettman and Donald Fehr, the executive director of the NHL Players' Association, spoke in a manner that made another work stoppage seem inevitable after wrapping up important meetings with their constituents.

They have no plans to return to the bargaining table before the deadline passes.

Instead, it appears as if hockey will enter yet another work stoppage — with a source indicating that pre-season games will start being cancelled as soon as next week. Training camps scheduled to open Sept. 21 will also soon be a casualty, with the first regular-season games not too far behind.

Fehr said the players made large concessions after the entire 2004-05 season was wiped out by a lockout. Since then, overall revenues have grown dramatically.

He asked whether it was fair or equitable that the owners want more concessions and reiterated that they will be the ones choosing to shut the doors.

"The players want to find a way to make an agreement. They want to negotiate until we do," Fehr, flanked by many of the game's top players, told a packed news conference.

Sidney Crosby, Henrik Zetterberg, John Tavares, Zdeno Chara, Henrik Lundqvist, Daniel Alfredsson and Zach Parise were just a handful of the 283 players who turned up in New York for two days of meetings. They emerged presenting a united front and spoke with the same calmness as Fehr, whom they hired in 2010 with the express purpose of getting a good deal in these negotiations.

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No one has ever questioned Blair Walsh's leg. It's always been a matter of if he knows where the ball is going after he kicks it. After some clutch field goals to lead the Vikings over the Jaguars, no one is questioning it anymore.

Relaxing now could prove costly

CFL EXTRA POINTS
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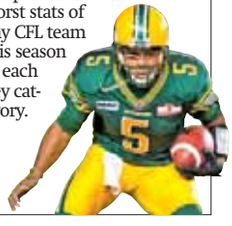
Red-hot Stampeders must be wary of Bombers; Riders back in the mix but tough matchups lie ahead; Lions pass-catchers thriving without future Hall-of-Famer Photos by The Canadian Press/Torstar News Service

Stamps can't look past Bombers

The Stamps are riding high with a three-game win streak under their belts, especially when you consider starting QB Drew Tate has been out of commission since Week 2. That said, they must be petrified of laying an egg against the Bombers on Friday. The Bombers haven't won in Calgary in a decade, but they have to win again eventually and nobody wants to be the victim.

Sticking with Joseph the right move for Esks

Despite losing two straight games with backup QB Kerry Joseph, the Eskimos have to admit the ancient pivot gives them their best chance to win. With former starter Steven Jyles at the controls, the Esks offence has posted the worst stats of any CFL team this season in each key category.

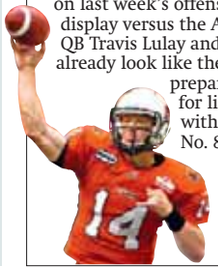


Playoff spot still not a given in Saskatchewan

Saskatchewan is back in the hunt for second in the West, although its schedule down the home stretch is rather daunting. The Riders play two games each against Montreal, Toronto and B.C., along with one more matchup with Calgary.

Surviving without Simon

The Lions receiving corps hasn't missed a beat without future Hall-of-Famer Geroy Simon, who was scratched last week with a sore hamstring and might not play this week against Toronto. Based on last week's offensive display versus the Als, QB Travis Lulay and Co. already look like they're prepared for life without No. 81.



Something afoul in Winnipeg

When your team is bad, really bad like the Bombers, the ineptness leaches into the coaching ranks. Head coach Tim Burke has proven to be a pretty sharp defensive co-ordinator during an impressive tenure in the CFL, but his late-game decision to punt instead of kicking a field goal last week against Saskatchewan was borderline brain dead. Not sure what disease the Bombers have, but it's contagious.

Motivated Als a given against Roughriders

Pity the Saskatchewan Roughriders heading into Montreal this week. Coming off an embarrassing 43-10 loss to B.C., the Als have more than enough motivation to play one of their best games of the season.

Cornish looking for a repeat performance against Bombers

Friday action.
CFL's top running back is the key to Stampeders' success this season

Jon Cornish has a tough act to follow.

His own.

Cornish leads the Calgary Stampeders into action against the struggling Winnipeg Blue Bombers on Friday. The six-foot, 205-pound native of New Westminster, B.C., was a one-man show in last week's 20-18 win over Edmonton, rushing for a career-high 185 yards and a TD.

That earned the 27-year-old running back his third straight CFL Canadian player-of-the-week honour and fifth this season. Cornish also moved atop the league's rushing standings with 827 yards, 147 more than Saskatchewan's Kory Sheets.

A heady accomplishment, indeed, considering Cornish rushed for minus-1 yards on six carries in Calgary's 34-8 loss to B.C. on July 28.

"Any time I can contribute to the offence in a meaningful way, I'm happy with that," Cornish said. "I'm never satisfied with my own performance.

"We had a great team effort (against Edmonton) but I think we can improve. We're a young team and trying to improve every day."

At halftime, Calgary will induct six new members on to its Wall of Fame. Players to be enshrined are Kelvin Anderson, Jeff Garcia, Rudy Linterman, and Gerry Shaw while Normie Kwong and Sig Gutsche will be honoured as builders.

Cornish is also chasing a piece of CFL history, looking to become the league's first Canadian-born rushing leader since former Simon Fraser star Orville Lee achieved the feat in 1988. Lee ran for 1,075 yards as a rookie with the Ottawa Rough Riders.

Lee joined a very exclusive group in '88, becoming just the fourth Canadian-born player to lead the CFL in rushing. The others were Kwong, Gerry James and Ron Stewart.

Cornish has run for 628 yards in his last five games after rushing for 199 yards in his opening five.

Not surprising, Cornish excels in games Calgary wins. He has averaged 118 yards rushing in the club's six victories but just 29.3 yards in the Stampeders' four losses.

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Top honours

Bombers Demond Washington and Jason Vega captured CFL weekly awards for their play in a heartbreaking 25-24 home loss to the Saskatchewan Roughriders last Sunday.

- Washington was named the top special-teams player after scoring on an 82-yard punt return while Vega captured defensive-player honours after recording six tackles and three sacks.

Jon Cornish dances with the Stampeders cheerleaders after scoring a running touchdown last Friday in Edmonton.
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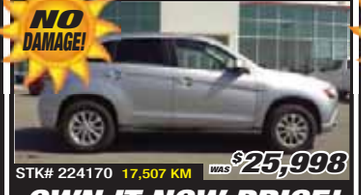

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Alex Tanguay skates prior to the start of a game against the Ducks in March in Anaheim, Calif. Tanguay lost one season of his career to the 2004-05 lockout and doesn't want sit through another. JEFF GROSS/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Tanguay wary of losing another year to lockout

NHL. Veteran Flames forward has faith league and players can get a new deal done

Alex Tanguay doesn't want to see another season of his career erased by an NHL lockout.

The veteran Calgary Flames forward, who turns 33 in November, was a member of the Colorado Avalanche when a lockout wiped out the entire 2004-05 season. He's holding out hope the National Hockey League and players can salvage this season as he nears the late stages of his career.

"I missed a year doing that," Tanguay said Thursday. "The lifespan of a hockey player is usually not that long and you want to make sure that you have as much time as possible to enjoy your sport.

"For me there's a few years left. I don't know how many. I certainly don't want to go out and do what we did in 2004. I'm hoping that things will get resolved."

Despite the fact that NHL commissioner Gary Bettman reiterated on Thursday that the upcoming season won't start until a new collective bargaining agreement is in place, Tanguay has faith the two sides can still get a new deal done.

"I'm still crossing my fingers, still hoping there's time," Tanguay said at the annual Calgary Flames Celebrity Charity Golf Classic at the Links of GlenEagles in Cochrane, just outside Calgary.

Owners have asked players to cut their share of hockey-related revenue during a six-year proposal. Initially, owners sought to drop the percentage given to players to 43 per cent from the current 57 per cent. They have since amended that to a six-year proposal that starts at 49 per cent and drops to 47 per cent.

The NHLPA is reportedly offering a package that starts at 54.3 per cent and ends at 52.7 per cent.

While Bettman was meeting with the media in New York on Thursday, Calgary general manager Jay Feaster was posing for pictures with golfers at the Links of GlenEagles.

Afterwards, Feaster said he's hoping for the best in regards to the battle between the owners and the players.

"We remain optimistic," Feaster said. "That's all we can do. We're set for camp. As (Calgary coach) Bob Hartley said, 'We can start at two o'clock this afternoon.' We're ready to go. We'll just wait and see what happens with the negotiations."

After working hard in the off-season to sign free agents like forward Jiri Hudler and defenceman Dennis Wideman, Feaster would like nothing more than to see the issue resolved in time to open training camp on Sept. 21.

"We like the moves we made in the off-season. We like the free agents we signed," Feaster said. "We have a lot of reasons to be anxious to get going and we just hope that we get going on time."

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"If you look at it, I don't think the players are being greedy in any way. Yes, we do make a lot of money. It's the money we generate as well. You have to look at a little bit of everything." Calgary Flames forward Alex Tanguay

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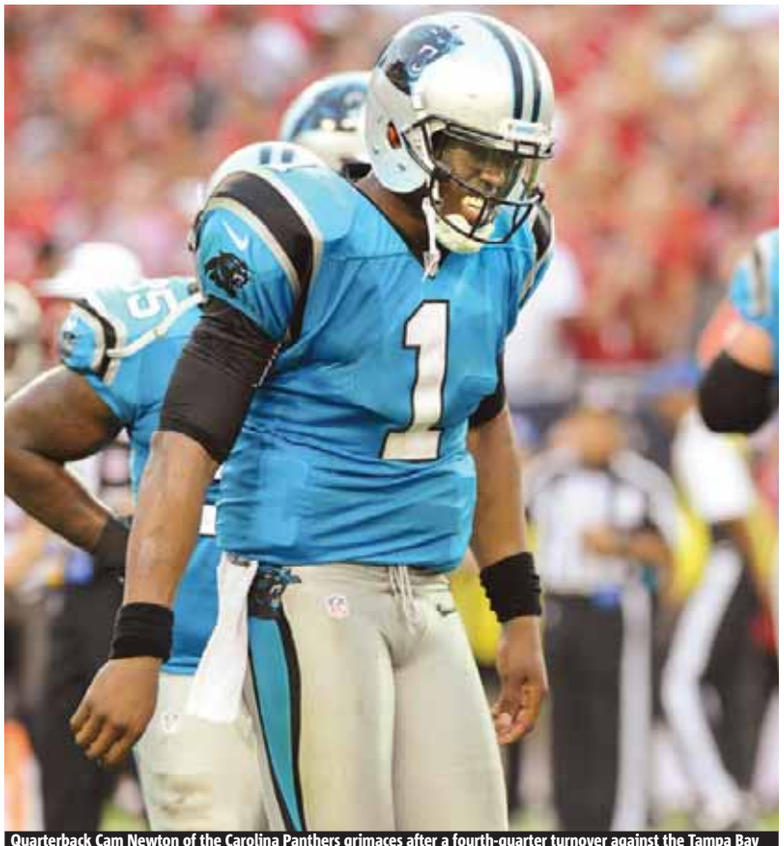

Quarterback Cam Newton of the Carolina Panthers grimaces after a fourth-quarter turnover against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers Sunday in Tampa, Fla. Newton is looking for his team to bounce back from a 16-10 loss when they host the New Orleans Saints on Sunday. AL MESSERSCHMIDT/GETTY IMAGES

Newton looks to duplicate RG3's success vs. Saints

NFL. Panthers QB looks for clues in what Redskins rookie pivot did well last week

Still stinging from the thrashing they took from Robert Griffin III, the New Orleans Saints turn their attention toward defending another dual-threat quarterback this Sunday in Carolina's Cam Newton.

Like Griffin, Newton is capable of breaking down a defence with his feet as well as his arm, and presents many of the same challenges for the Saints defence that the Washington rookie did.

In fact, the Saints may even see some of the same plays this week.

Carolina coach Ron Rivera said the Panthers may borrow a few pages from the Redskins game plan because they run some similar plays.

"It's funny because when you watch (the Redskins) on tape you say, 'Hey, we do that,'" Rivera said.

The Saints were expecting as much.

Interim coach Aaron Kromer knows the NFL can be a copycat league and that when a weakness is exploited, other teams will pounce on it. Griffin found success against the Saints last weekend, throwing for 320 yards and two touchdowns. He also ran for 42 yards.

But he also thinks that having played against Griffin will help his team better prepare for Newton.

Coming off a rough offensive performance in which the Panthers scored just 10 points in a loss to Tampa Bay, Newton is looking for his team to rebound. And he hopes some of the clues to jump-starting the offence will come from watching what RG3 did last week.

Kromer said Griffin and Newton have similar athletic skills "although Cam is bigger."

Much bigger, in fact.

The six-foot-five, 245-pound Newton has Griffin by three inches and 40 pounds.

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Stopping Newton

The Saints had mixed success in two games against Newton last season.

- In the first meeting in Charlotte, Newton threw for 224 yards and combined for three touchdowns. The Saints needed a late touchdown drive from Drew Brees to pull that game out 30-27.
- However, the Saints defence manhandled him in the season finale, limiting the AP offensive rookie of the year to 158 yards passing and one touchdown.

NFL

Jets' Revis not cleared for takeoff

The New York Jets will make a decision on the availability of Darrelle Revis before the team travels to Pittsburgh on Saturday for their game against the Steelers. Revis suffered a concussion last Sunday.

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NFL

NFL gets kudos for diversity in hiring

The NFL received its highest grade for diversity hiring practices, but still has work to do.

The annual report by the Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport on Thursday gave the league its third consecutive A grade on racial hiring and its first C-plus for gender hiring; it drew C's the past three years. The combined B score of 82.3 per cent is tops for the NFL.

Richard Lapchick, the report's main author, attributes the improvement to what he sees as a push from NFL commissioner Roger Goodell and his key managers.

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Manning: Not all the way back yet

Looked good to everybody else.

Despite dynamite debut in Denver, veteran QB says he's still deficient, but doesn't divulge details

Peyton Manning looked as though nothing had changed after sitting out last season because of a neck injury. Don't be fooled, though, says the Broncos quarterback — plenty is different.

And not just the horse on his helmet.

Manning insists he's still searching for a comfort zone in Denver and figures his transition after 14 seasons in Indianapolis will take all season. Same with his rehab from the nerve injury that caused weakness in his throwing arm and forced him to miss last season.

Broncos boss John Elway agrees, telling The Associated Press that Manning's arm strength is "probably not where he wants it to be. I don't know if it'll ever be where he wants it to be, but to me, it's plenty adequate right now."

Teammates, opponents, even his former coach, analyst Tony Dungy, agreed that Manning hadn't missed a beat.

Quarterback Peyton Manning waves to Denver fans after his scintillating performance against Pittsburgh Sunday. DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Appearances can be deceiving, though. Just last week, Manning said, "I have some things that I deal with myself, but I kind of keep that between me and the trainer."

Manning's game, this new offence, his timing with his targets, even his health, are all works in progress, Elway said Thursday.

"There's going to be adjustments week in and week out," Elway said. "He knew those guys in Indy, those receivers, he had them forever and so it will be a work in progress, to me, as long as Peyton's here, because he's going to change things and there's going to be new things all the time."

Manning's work ethic is "what gave us confidence that he was going to be able to come back and be as close to the Peyton he was of old," Elway said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

All-time great

Manning's regular-season passing stats have been absolutely remarkable throughout his pro career.

- **With Denver:** 26 attempts, 19 completions, 253 yards, two touchdowns, no interception in one game (one win, no losses).
- **With Indy:** 7,210 attempts, 4,682 completions, 54,828 yards, 399 touchdowns, 198 interceptions in 208 games (141 wins, 67 losses).

Pulling out all the stops

Packers backup tight end Tom Crabtree celebrates as he crosses the goal line on a 27-yard scoring reception on a fake field-goal attempt against the Chicago Bears Thursday night. The Packers won the NFC North matchup 23-10. For more NFL coverage, go to metronews.ca/sports. JEFFREY PHELPS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Minnesota	59	84	.413	17½

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Kansas City 10 Minnesota 5
Oakland 4 L.A. Angels 1
Friday's games — All Times Eastern
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Tampa Bay (Price 17-5) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 13-5), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Matsuzaka 1-5) at **Toronto (Laffey 3-5)**, 7:07 p.m.
Seattle (Iwakuma 6-4) at Texas (Darvish 14-9), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Liriano 5-11) at Minnesota (Vasquez 0-1), 8:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (C.Wilson 12-9) at Kansas City (B.Chen 10-12), 8:10 p.m.
Baltimore (J.Saunders 2-1) at Oakland (Milone 12-10), 10:05 p.m.
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Pittsburgh	72	70	.507	14
Milwaukee	72	71	.503	14½
Chicago	56	87	.392	30½
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	W	L	Pct	GB
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Los Angeles	74	69	.517	7
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San Diego	69	75	.479	12½
Colorado	57	85	.401	23½

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Washington (Detwiler 9-6) at Atlanta (Medlen 8-1), 7:35 p.m.
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MiCabrera, Det	141	546	91	179	.328
Jeter, NYY	140	600	91	194	.323
Mauer, Minn	131	486	75	155	.319
Beltre, Tex	138	537	85	171	.318
DavMurphy, Tex	128	388	56	123	.317
Butler, KC	141	538	62	167	.310
Konerko, ChiW	126	468	58	145	.310
AJackson, Det	119	470	90	145	.309
Fielder, Det	142	514	74	157	.305

RUNS — Trout, Los Angeles, 114; Hamilton, Texas, 95; Kinsler, Texas, 94; MiCabrera, Detroit, 91; Jeter, New York, 91; AJackson, Detroit, 90; Cano, New York, 88; Granderson, New York, 88; AdJones, Baltimore, 88.

RBIs — Hamilton, Texas, 121; MiCabrera, Detroit, 118; Willingham, Minnesota, 103; Encarnacion, Toronto, 99; Fielder, Detroit, 98; Pujols, Los Angeles, 96; Beltre, Texas, 92.
HITS — Jeter, New York, 194; MiCabrera, Detroit, 179; Beltre, Texas, 171; AGordon, Kansas City, 168; Butler, Kansas City, 167; Andrus, Texas, 163; Cano, New York, 163.
HOME RUNS — Hamilton, Texas, 41; Encarnacion, Toronto, 39; ADunn, Chicago, 38; Granderson, New York, 37; MiCabrera, Detroit, 36; Willingham, Minnesota, 33; Beltre, Texas, 32.
PITCHING — Price, Tampa Bay, 17-5; Weaver, Los Angeles, 16-4; Scherzer, Detroit, 16-6; Sale, Chicago, 16-6; MHarrison, Texas, 16-9; Shields, Tampa Bay, 14-8; Darvish, Texas, 14-9; Vargas, Seattle, 14-10; PHughes, New York, 14-12.
STRIKEOUTS — Scherzer, Detroit, 220; Verlander, Detroit, 212; Darvish, Texas, 196; FHernandez, Seattle, 195; Shields, Tampa Bay, 189; Price, Tampa Bay, 175; Peavy, Chicago, 171.
SAVES — Rodney, Tampa Bay, 42; JiJohnson, Baltimore, 42; RSoriano, New York, 37; CPerez, Cleveland, 35; Nathan, Texas, 33; Valverde, Detroit, 30; Wilhelmsen, Seattle, 26; Reed, Chicago, 26.

TRANSACTIONS

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

DETROIT TIGERS — Placed 2B Ryan Raburn on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Sept. 11.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Reinstated OF Denard Span from the 15-day DL.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Extended their player development contract with Huntsville (SL) through the 2014 season.
North American League
SAN ANGELO COLTS — Acquired OF Braden Embry, C Zach Welch, RHP Matt Larkins and RHP Tommy Hoenshell from Abilene for future considerations.

NBA

BROOKLYN NETS — Signed F Josh Childress.

NFL

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Released G Josh Beekman.
OAKLAND RAIDERS — Signed CB Coye Francis to the practice squad. Released WR Brandon Carswell, LB Nate Stupar and DT Vaughn Meatoga from the practice squad.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Signed WR Jeremy Ebert to the practice squad. Released C Chase Beeler from the practice squad.
ST. LOUIS RAMS — Re-signed QB Kellen Clemens. Released DT Darell Scott. Signed G Quinn Ojinnaka.

CFL

EDMONTON ESKIMOS — Traded DB Ricardo Colclough and a 2015 sixth-round draft pick to Hamilton for FB Darcy Brown.

NHL

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS — Assigned D Ryan Murray to Everett (WHL) and C Boone Jenner to Oshawa (OHL).
FLORIDA PANTHERS — Assigned D Michael Caruso, F Andre Deveaux, G Dov Grumet-Morris, F Jean Francois Jacques, F Greg Rallo, F Casey Wellman, F James Wright and D Nolan Yonkman to San Antonio (AHL).
NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Signed D Jonathon Blum to a one-year, two-way contract.

ECHL

IDAHO STEELHEADS — Signed F Jacob Cepis.
STOCKTON THUNDER — Agreed to terms with LW Matt Bergland, D Shawn Boutin and RW Kyle O'Kane.

MLS

CHICAGO FIRE — Loaned F Orr Barouch to Bnei Yehuda Tel Aviv (Israel).
SAN JOSE EARTHQUAKES — Won the rights to F Marcus Tracy.

CALENDAR

Oct. 5 — Postseason begins, wild-card playoffs.
Oct. 6 — Division series begin.
Oct. 13 — League championship series begin.
Oct. 24 — World Series begins, city of National League champion.

GOLF

LPGA BRITISH OPEN

At Hoylake, England
Par 72 (35-37)
First Round

Haeji Kang	35-35—70
So Yeon Ryu	35-35—70
Katie Futcher	35-36—71
Lydia Hall	35-36—71
a-Charley Hull	34-37—71
Vicky Hurst	35-36—71
Stacey Keating	34-37—71
Ai Miyazato	33-38—71
Mika Miyazato	36-35—71
Jiyai Shin	35-36—71
Karrie Webb	36-35—71
Chella Choi	36-36—72
a-Holly Clyburn	34-38—72
Hee-Won Han	33-39—72
Katherine Hull	36-36—72
Amy Hung	35-37—72
Yuki Ichinose	35-37—72
Trish Johnson	37-35—72
Cristie Kerr	36-36—72
a-Lydia Ko	36-36—72
Carin Koch	37-35—72
Becky Morgan	37-35—72
Inbee Park	38-34—72
Morgan Pressel	36-36—72
Beatriz Recari	36-36—72
Hee Kyung Seo	34-38—72
Angela Stanford	36-36—72
Yani Tseng	35-37—72
Nicole Castrale	37-36—73
Na Yeon Choi	37-36—73
Paula Creamer	38-35—73
Natalie Gulbis	37-36—73
Candie Kung	35-38—73
Cindy LaCrosse	36-37—73
Brittany Lincicome	38-35—73
a-Alexandra Peters	38-35—73
Dewi Claire Schreefel	35-38—73
Christine Song	36-37—73
Maiko Wakabayashi	33-40—73
Linda Wessberg	37-36—73
Amy Yang	37-36—73
Jacqui Concolino	36-38—74
Nikki Garrett	36-38—74
Julieta Granada	39-35—74
Mina Harigae	35-39—74
Stacy Lewis	37-37—74
Pernilla Lindberg	35-39—74
Belen Mozo	36-38—74
Kaori Ohe	35-39—74
Jane Park	33-41—74
Pornanong Phatlum	38-36—74
Sarah Jane Smith	38-36—74
Lexi Thompson	38-36—74
Sun Young Yoo	38-36—74
Veronica Felibert	38-37—75
Sophie Giquel-Bettan	35-40—75
Eun-Hee Ji	37-38—75
Michelle Wie	39-36—75
Also:	
Samantha Richdale	**39-38—77**
Lorie Kane	**38-40—78**
a-amateur	

EUROPEAN PGA BMW ITALIAN OPEN

At Fiano, Italy
Par 72 (36-36)
First Round

Joel Sjoholm, Sweden	32-32—64
Lee Slattery, England	32-33—65
Richard Bland, England	32-34—66
Victor Dubuisson, France	34-32—66
Keith Horne, South Africa	32-34—66
David Howell, England	32-34—66
Gareth Maybin, Northern Ireland	31-35—66
Richard McEvoy, England	33-33—66
Garth Mulroy, South Africa	34-32—66
Rafael Cabrera Bello, Spain	34-33—67
Alex Cejka, Germany	32-35—67

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Jets	1	0	0	1.000	48	28
New England	1	0	0	1.000	34	13
Miami	0	1	0	.000	10	30
Buffalo	0	1	0	.000	28	48

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	1	0	0	1.000	30	10
Jacksonville	0	1	0	.000	23	26
Indianapolis	0	1	0	.000	21	41
Tennessee	0	1	0	.000	13	34

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	1	0	0	1.000	44	13
Cleveland	0	1	0	.000	16	17
Pittsburgh	0	1	0	.000	19	31
Cincinnati	0	1	0	.000	13	44

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Diego	1	0	0	1.000	22	14
Denver	1	0	0	1.000	31	19
Kansas City	0	1	0	.000	24	40
Oakland	0	1	0	.000	14	22

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	1	0	0	1.000	24	17
Washington	1	0	0	1.000	40	32
Philadelphia	1	0	0	1.000	17	16
N.Y. Giants	0	1	0	.000	17	24

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	1	0	0	1.000	16	10
Atlanta	1	0	0	1.000	40	24
New Orleans	0	1	0	.000	32	40
Carolina	0	1	0	.000	10	16

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Detroit	1	0	0	1.000	27	23
Minnesota	1	0	0	1.000	26	23
Chicago	1	1	0	.500	51	44
Green Bay	1	1	0	.500	45	40

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	1	0	0	1.000	20	16
San Francisco	1	0	0	1.000	30	22
St. Louis	0	1	0	.000	23	27
Seattle	0	1	0	.000	16	20

WEEK TWO
Thursday's result
Green Bay 23 Chicago 10
Sunday's games — All Times Eastern
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Arizona at New England, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Baltimore at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Houston at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Miami, 1 p.m.
Dallas at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.
Washington at St. Louis, 4:05 p.m.
Tennessee at San Diego, 4:25 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Pittsburgh, 4:25 p.m.
Detroit at San Francisco, 8:20 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 17
Denver at Atlanta, 8:30 p.m.

TENNIS

WTA BELL CHALLENGE

At Quebec City
Singles
Second Round
Kirsten Flipkens, Belgium, def. Mirjana Lucic, Croatia, 6-7 (2), 6-2, 6-4.
Anna Tatishvili, Georgia, def. Petra Martic (7), Croatia, 6-2, 6-3.
Doubles
Quarter-finals
Julie Coin, France, and **Marie-Eve Pelletier, Canada**, def. Jessica Pegula and Maria Sanchez, United States, 6-1, 1-6, 10-5.
Tatjana Malek, Germany, and Kristina Mladenovic (3), France, def. Alexandra Mueller and Asia Muhammed, United States, 6-2, 6-1.

WTA TASHKENT OPEN

At Tashkent, Uzbekistan
Singles
Quarter-finals
Urszula Radwanska (2), Poland, def. Alexandra Panova (7), Russia, 5-7, 6-2, 7-6 (3).
Eva Birnerova, Czech Republic, def. Alexandra Cadantu (5), Romania, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2.
Donna Vekic, Croatia, def. Bojana Jovanovski (6), Serbia, 6-4, 6-4.
Irina-Camelia Begu, Romania, def. Galina Voskoboeva (8), Kazakhstan, 3-6, 7-6 (1), 7-5.

CFL

WEEK 12

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Toronto	10	6	4	0	255	246	12
Montreal	10	6	4	0	273	310	12
Hamilton	10	3	7	0	290	339	6
Winnipeg	10	2	8	0	200	321	4

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
B.C.	10	7	3	0	270	181	14
Calgary	10	6	4	0	268	254	12
Saskatchewan	10	5	5	0	267	206	10
Edmonton	10	5	5	0	239	205	10

Friday's game — All Times Eastern
Winnipeg at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Saturday's games
Edmonton at Hamilton, 3 p.m.
Toronto at B.C., 7 p.m.
Sunday's games
Saskatchewan at Montreal, 1 p.m.

SOCCER

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Kansas City	27	15	7	5	34	24	50
Chicago	27	14	8	5	37	32	47
New York	26	13	7	7	46	39	46
Houston	28	12	7	9	40	33	45
Columbus	27	12	9	6	33	32	42
D.C. United	27	12	10	5	43	38	41
Montreal	29	12	14	3	43	46	39
New England	28	7	14	7	35	38	28
Philadelphia	25	7	13	5	25	30	26
Toronto	28	5	17	6	31	50	21

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
x-San Jose	27	16	6	5	56	33	53
Seattle	27	13	6	8	43	28	47
Real Salt Lake	29	14	11	4	38	32	46
Los Angeles	28	13	11	4	48	40	43
Vancouver	28	10	11	7	29	37	37
Dallas	29	8	12	9	34	38	33
Colorado	28	9	17	2	36	41	29
Chivas USA	26	7	12	7	21	41	28
Portland	27	7	14	6	27	46	27

x — clinched playoff berth.
Wednesday's result
Chicago 2 Toronto 1
Friday's games — All Times Eastern
Houston at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.
Colorado at Los Angeles, 11 p.m.

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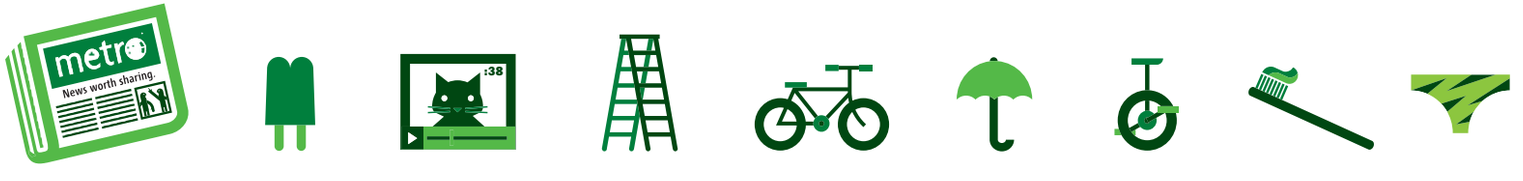

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
With the Sun moving through the work area of your chart, you don't mind how hard you labour as long as the payoff is good. However, this area of your chart also governs your health, so don't push yourself too hard.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You are far too sensible to believe everything you are told, especially by so-called "experts", and you will no doubt reject some of the things you hear today. That's good. Trust only your own inner voice.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
If you tell someone you love what they want to hear, rather than what they need to hear, it could lead to complications later on. Tell them the truth, no matter how painful it may be in the short term.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
The more someone pressures you to go along with a plan you are not interested in, the louder you must say no. Don't let them make you feel guilty by suggesting that your refusal will ruin it for others. It won't.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You are letting your fears get the better of you and that in turn is making it difficult to make a sensible decision about a money matter. Always think logically and expect the best to happen rather than the worst.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Try to stay calm and, wherever possible, stay out of the way of people who rub you up the wrong way. If your current environment gets a little too heated, take off by yourself for a day or two.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
According to the planets, your negative attitude is attracting negative situations. Stop looking over your shoulder and start acting as if nothing can go wrong. Compared to most people, you've still got it easy.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
No matter how much someone tries to persuade you to take sides in a dispute, you must stay out of it. There is simply no way of knowing for sure who is right and who is wrong, so it's best not to get involved.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
For some reason, your credibility is low at the moment. Your priority today is to improve your image. If colleagues and employers have begun to assume you are all talk and no action, you must prove them wrong.

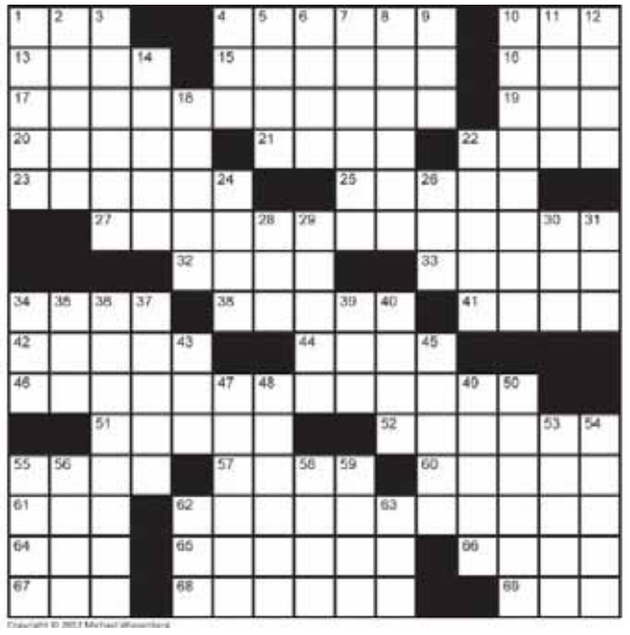
♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Whatever you lose today, you will more than make up for next week. Don't try to hang on to what is slipping from your grasp. There is a meaning to everything that happens — you just have to look for it.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Your options for action seem to be limited at the moment and all you can do is wait for conditions to change. Patience is a virtue, so stop worrying and enjoy the opportunity to take things easy for a while.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
People will play on your sympathies and try to get you to do things you don't want to do. You must be tough and refuse. Anyone who comes to you with a tale of woe is not to be trusted. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: O Canada

BY MICHAEL WIESENBERG



Across
1. BC Hydro structure
4. Forming irregular, broken waves, as the sea
10. Sml., med., ___: T-shirt sizes
13. Swim ___: once around the pool (2 wds.)
15. "Hurts ___": John Cougar Mellencamp hit (2 wds.)
16. George Gershwin's lyricist brother
17. Northwest ___
19. Chomped
20. Mistake
21. Check
22. "As Good as It ___"
23. More expeditiously
25. Edmonton NHL team member
27. BC, AB, and SK are here (2 wds.)
32. Composer John who was a CBS reporter
33. Certain distance runner
34. ___ Nostra
38. "Salut!" in Scandinavia
41. Man, Wight, or Capri
42. White lightning, say
44. "Mon ___!": French mild oath
46. Largest waterway in the Pacific Northwest, it starts in BC and flows through Washington and Oregon to the Pacific (2 wds.)
51. Uses a towel
52. Most definite
55. Wine party cheese
57. High tennis shots
60. Canada's ___ Max lottery
61. Freeze
62. Molson's catchy slogan from 1994-1998 (3 wds.)
64. Place for a drink
65. Color clothes, hippie-style (2 wds.)
66. Great Lake
67. Serpentine warning
68. Capture
69. Finish

Down
1. Calendar entries
2. Oldsmobile model discontinued in 2004
3. Bone ___ transplant
4. Winter time in Manitoba: initialism
5. Owl's call
6. Shrek, for one
7. Exterminator's option
8. Like verse
9. QB's goal: abbr.
10. Canada's oldest federally registered party
11. Member of 10-Down, familiarly
12. Consumes
14. On one's belly
18. "___ my case": courtroom phrase (2 wds.)
22. Bottle-dwellers of legend
24. These are found on road maps: abbr.
26. Hasty exit
28. Edmonton CFL team member, familiarly
29. *The Mary Tyler Moore Show* spinoff
30. It's next to Ins on the keypad
31. Exist
34. *This Hour Has 22 Minutes* network
35. Tic-tac-toe win
36. GIs
37. Blue as the sky
39. Atmosphere
40. Hawaiian garlands
43. Sex Pistols' record label
45. Tonsil neighbour
47. 1950s-'70s Chevy (2 wds.)
48. Different arrangement of a given compound's atoms
49. Become eaten away
50. Collect one's pension
53. Besmirch
54. Did some calisthenics
55. Protections for babies
56. Some TVs
58. A-F alphabetic connection
59. Articulates
62. "I'll give ___ try" (2 wds.)
63. Bring home after expenses

Yesterday's Crossword

What's online

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

Sudoku

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	4		8		7		3	
	3	6	2		4	8	1	
2			6		3			8
		8	1		2	9		
5			4		9			7
	5	4	9		1	7	2	
	2		5		8		9	

Yesterday's Sudoku

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